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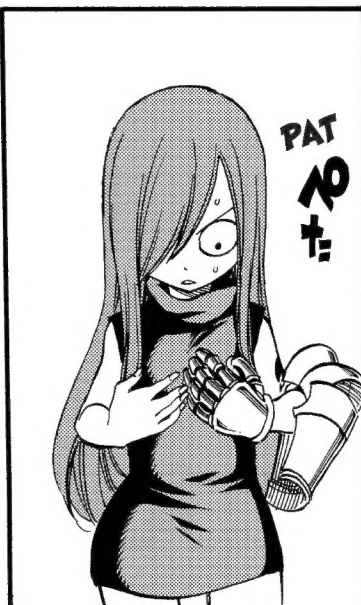
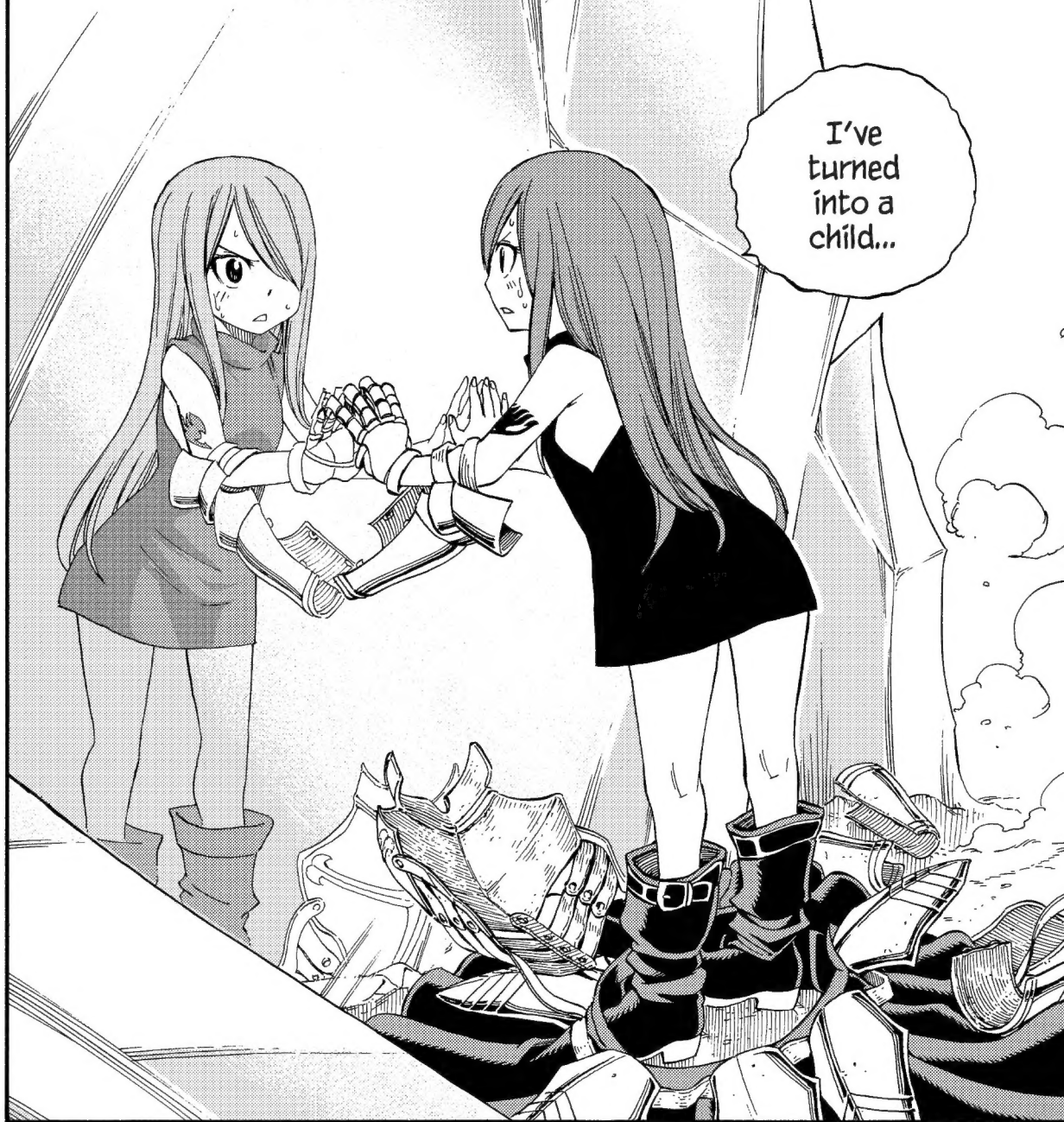
SABER TOOTH	
Name: Rogue Cheney	Age: 19 yrs.
Magic: Shadow Dragon Slayer Magic	
Likes: Frosch	Dislikes: Noon time



Remarks

One of the Twin Dragons of Saber Tooth. When he was young, he looked up to Gajeel of Phantom Lord, and he hoped to become a member of Phantom Lord himself. During that same period, hating the meaning of the name Rogue, he started calling himself Lios. It is not known when or where he first met his partner Frosch, but he had not yet met him seven years ago when he was a fan of Gajeel. After the Grand Magic Games, Rogue was shocked to learn that it was a future version of himself who was behind the dragons' attack, and he has made a solemn vow never to fall into darkness.

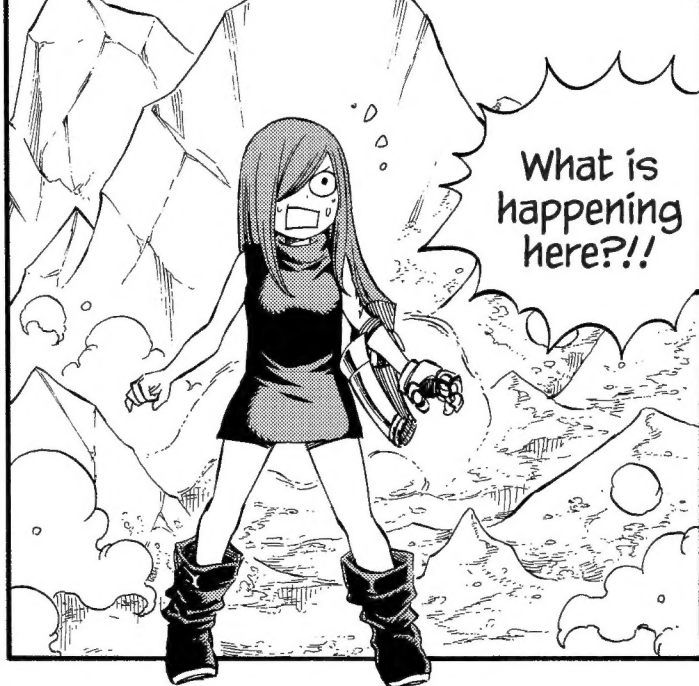
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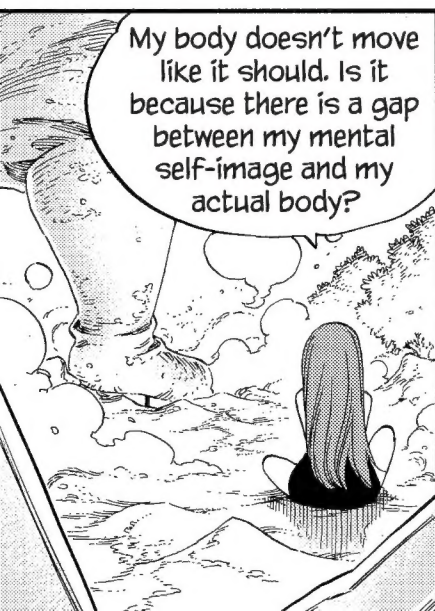


No...
the greater
problem
is...

I wonder if
I have any
armor that
will fit this
size?

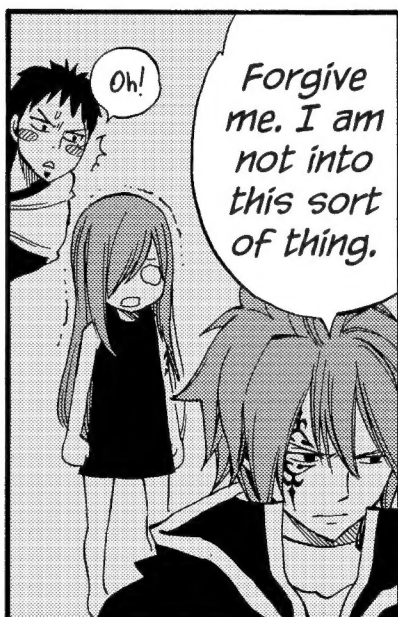


What is
happening
here?!!



My body doesn't move
like it should. Is it
because there is a gap
between my mental
self-image and my
actual body?

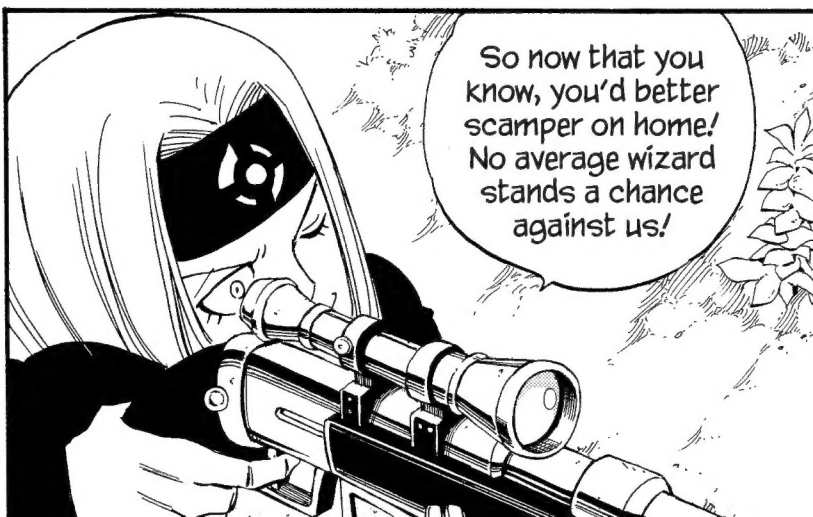








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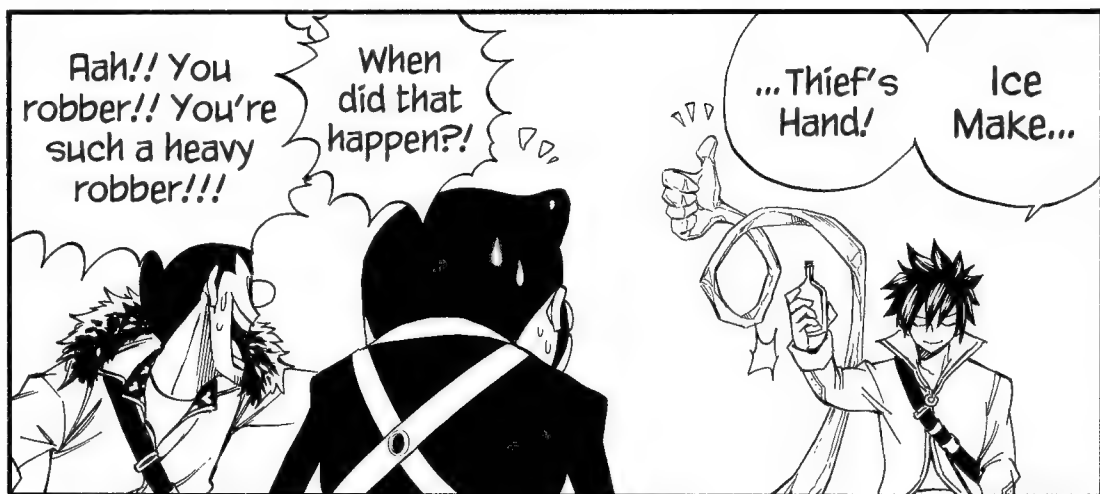


Our
Moon
Drip!!

What
?!!



Ta-dah.



Aah!! You
robber!! You're
such a heavy
robber!!!

When
did that
happen?!

...Thief's
Hand!

Ice
Make...



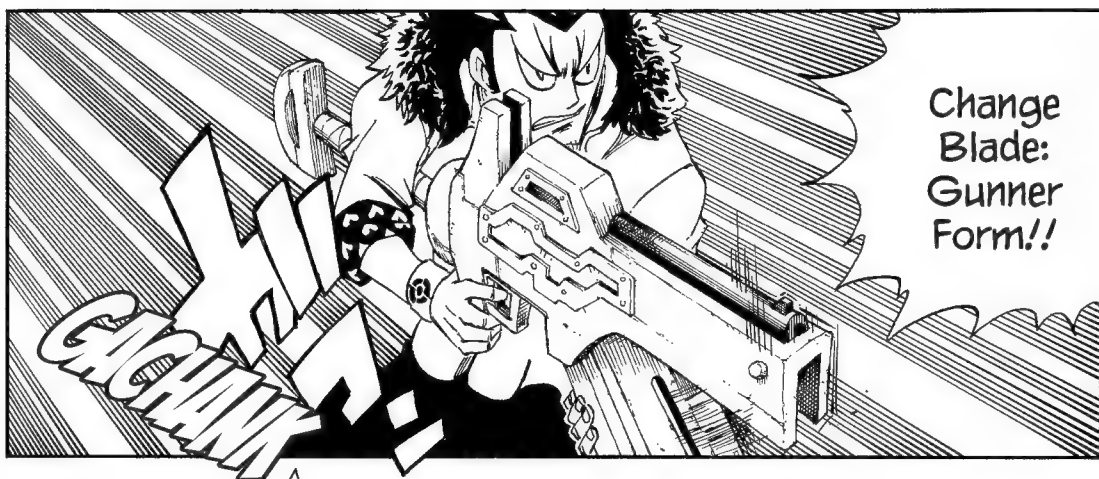
Sagit-
tarius
!!!



Drake,
shoot
'em!!!

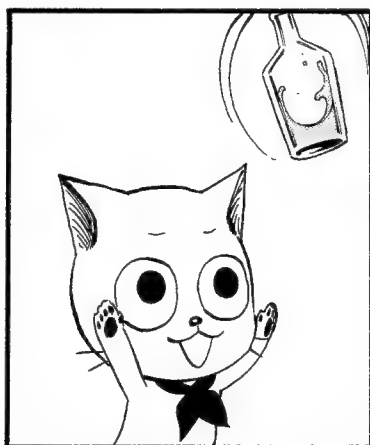
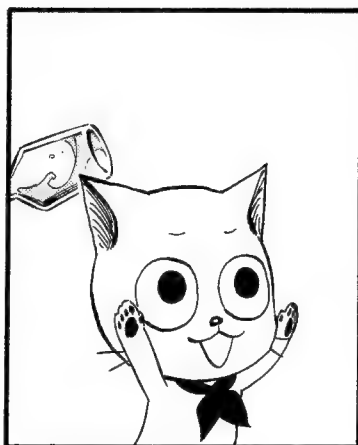
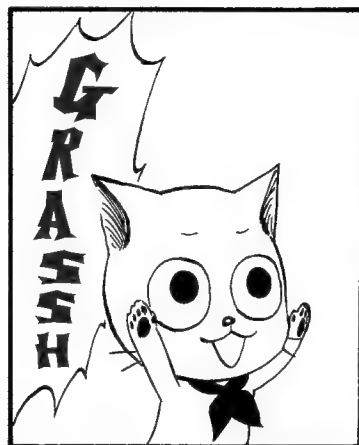
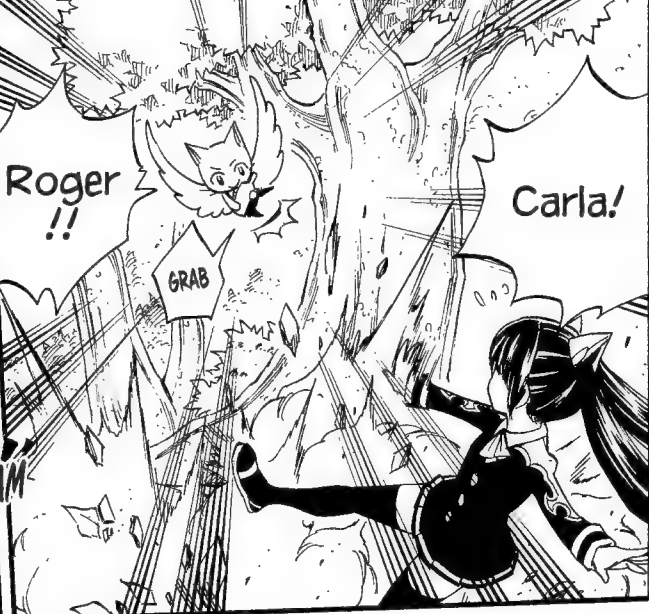


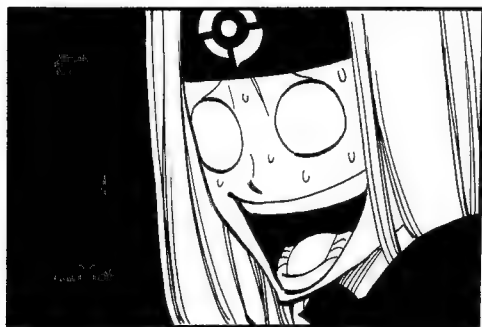
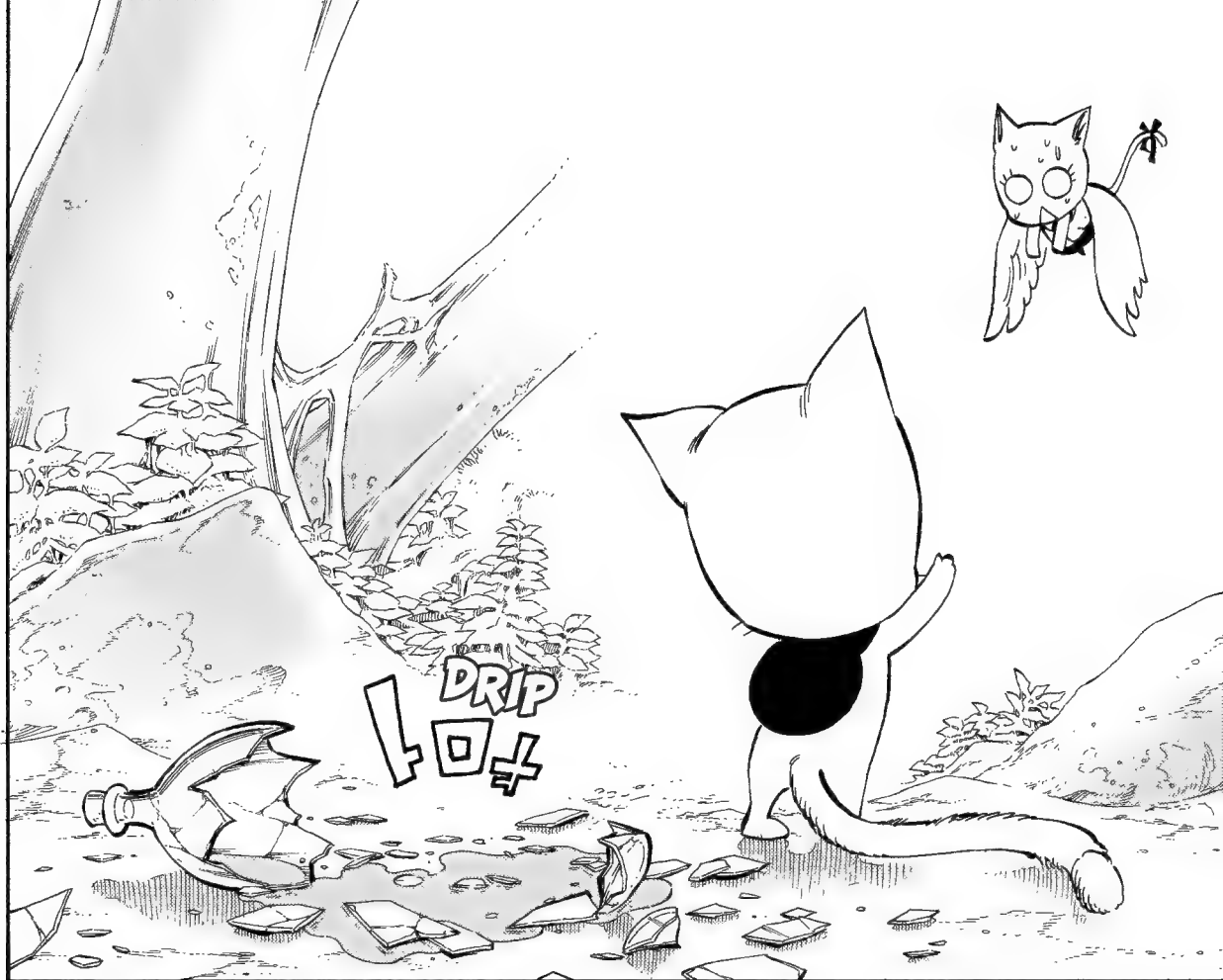




Change
Blade:
Gunner
Form!!

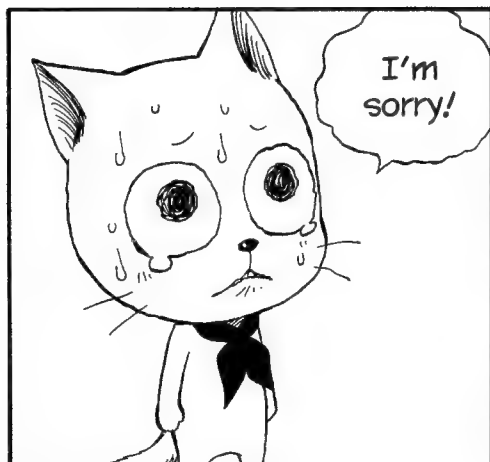








**It's
broken
!!!!**

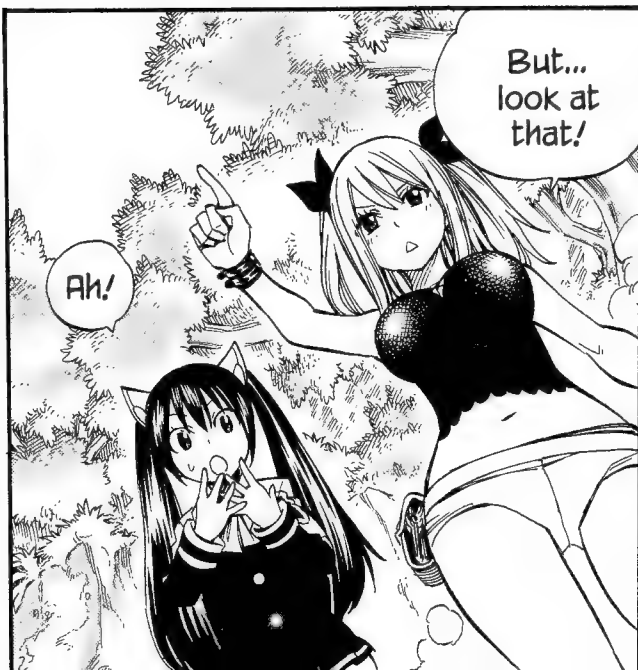
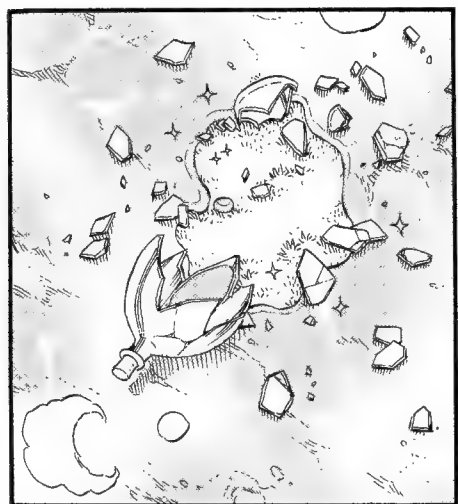


I'm
sorry!



You *broke* what
you stole...
**DUUN! DUUN!!
DUUN!!!**

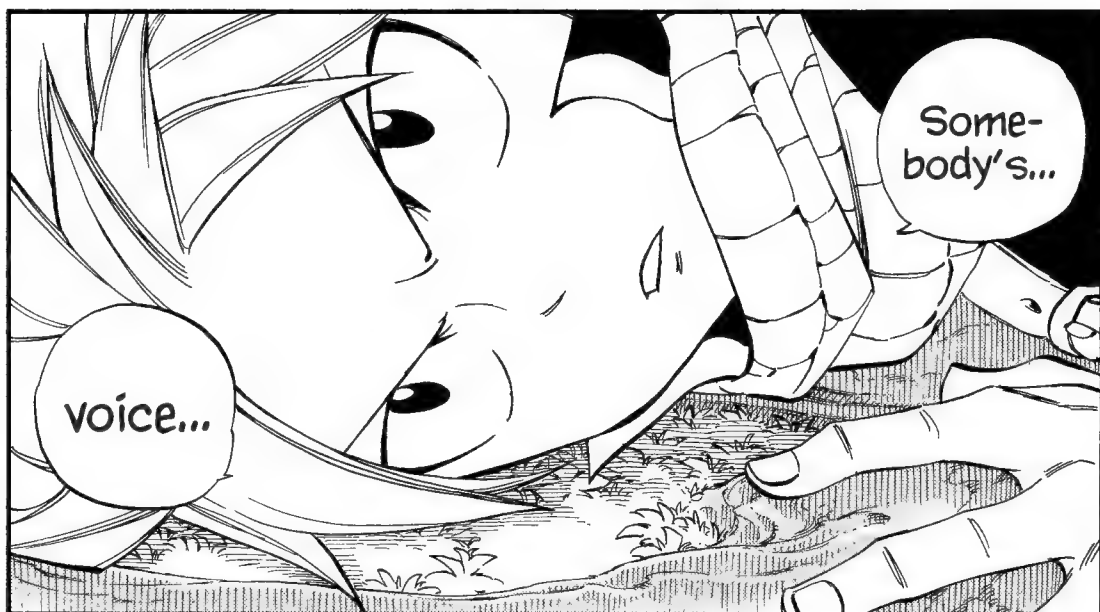
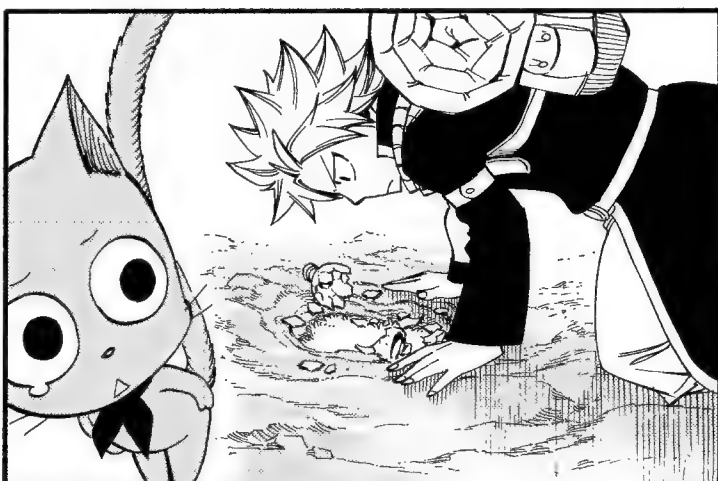
What have you
done?!!! You
guys are heavy
bad guys, you
know!!!!



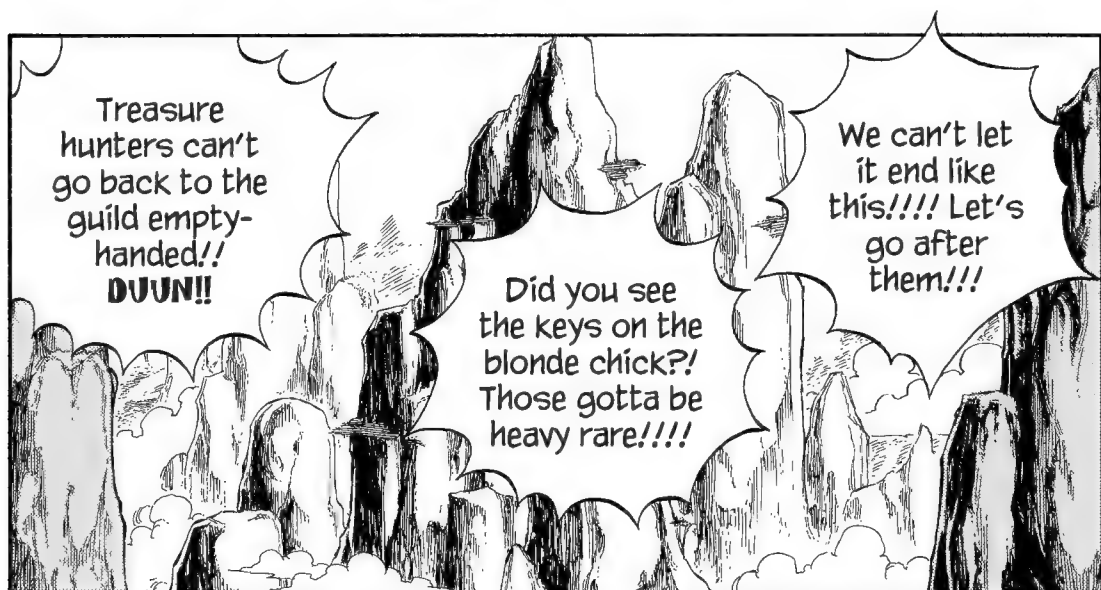
But...
look at
that!

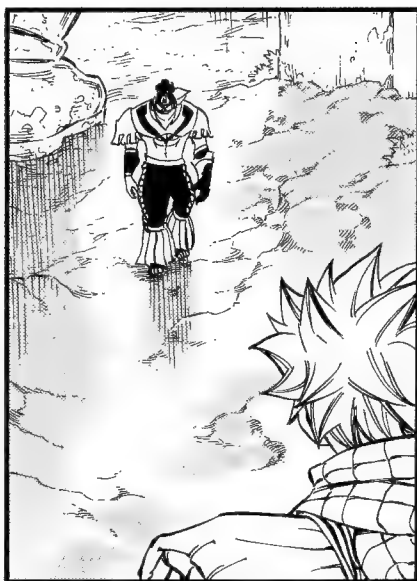
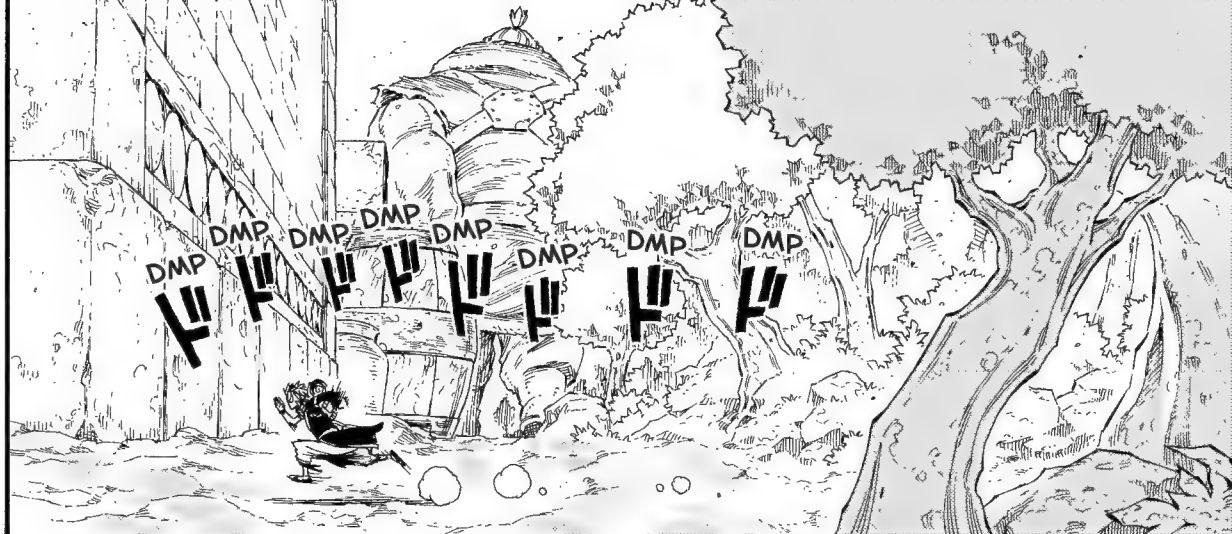
Ah!

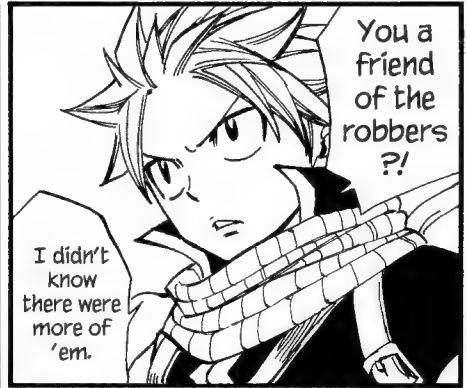












BOOOOM

What just
happened
?!!


Now that
you're a
child, ending
you will be
quick!

110
≠ KRAKK
!!

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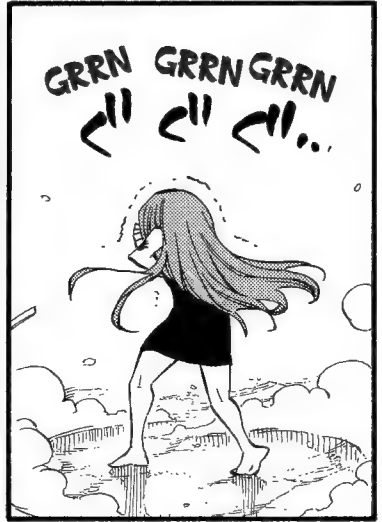
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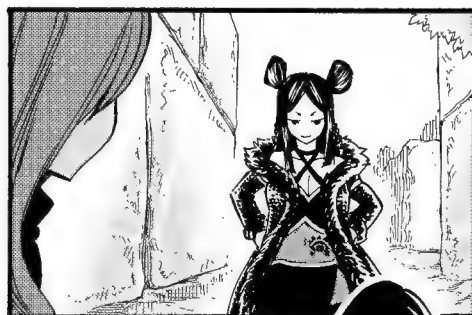


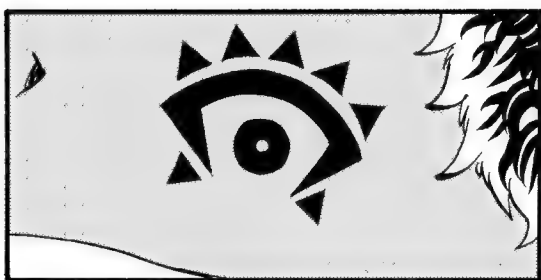
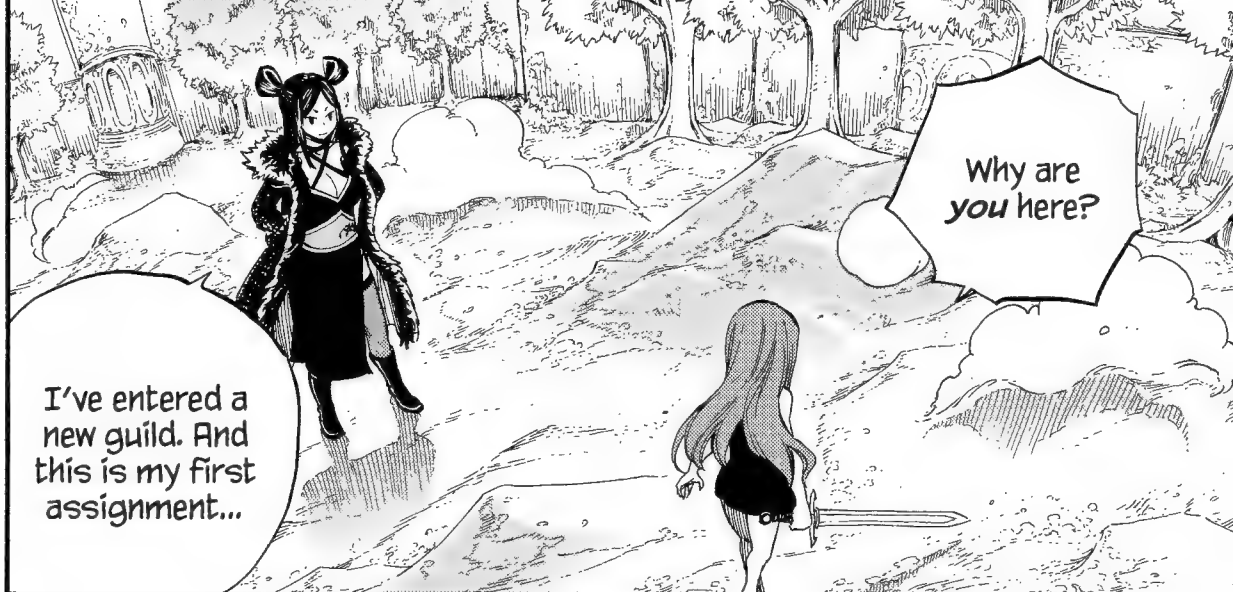
SABER TOOTH	
Name: Lecter	Age: 13 yrs.
Magic: Aera	
Likes: Sting-kun	Dislikes: Bullies
	

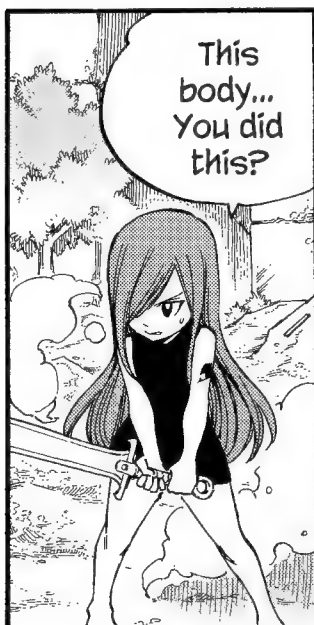
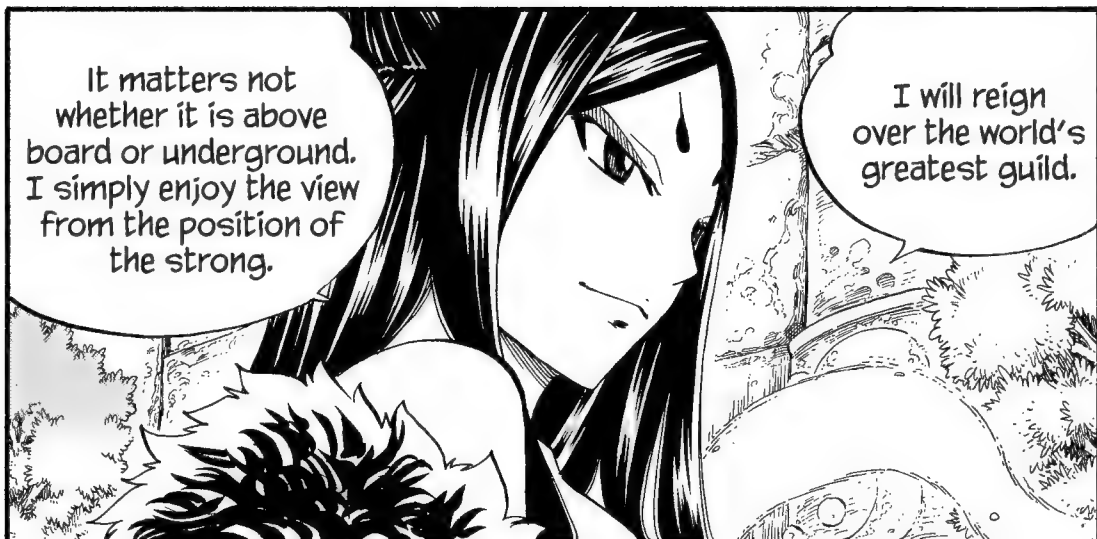
Remarks

Lecter is thought to be an Exceed who came from Edolas. He met Sting as a young child, and was drawn to him by his strength, then grew to like him to the point of worship. During the Grand Magic Games, he was nearly eliminated by Master Ziemma, but Minerva used her space-manipulation magic to keep him alive. He then attached himself to Millianna, who was also caught up in Minerva's magic, to escape.





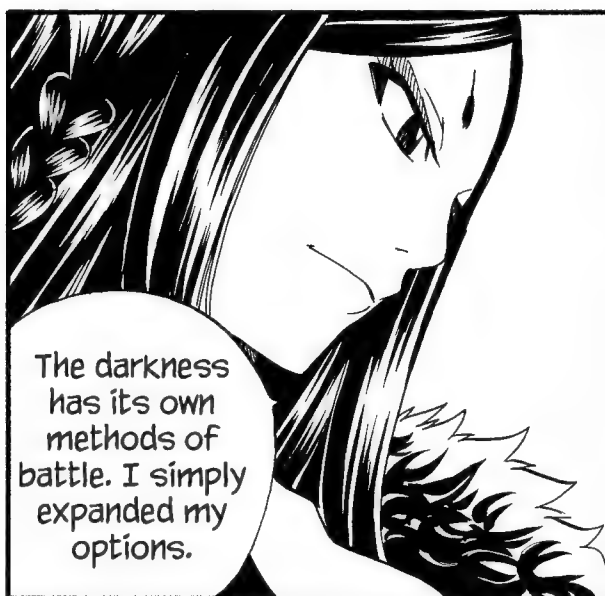






On the contrary...
My partner
took care of
that.

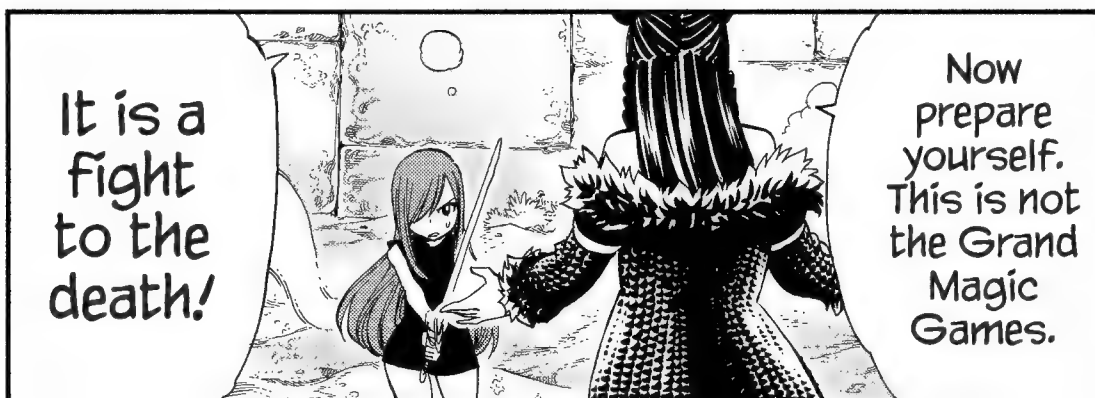
There
are many
interesting
magics in the
underworld.



The darkness
has its own
methods of
battle. I simply
expanded my
options.



So you're
resorting
to cheating
now?



It is a
fight
to the
death!

Now
prepare
yourself.
This is not
the Grand
Magic
Games.

You're some treasure robber, but you can use magic?!



CLINK
CLINK

Like I said, I am no robber.

What's going on here?!



I turned into a kid!!!!

Let's just finish this thing off.



DXP

But whatever.



Damn it!! My body won't move right!!



WOON

WHOA!



トス...
PSSST



PUFF
!!
!!

...Hôkô*
!!!!

*Roar



Karyû
no*...

*Fire Dragon's



*The Way of
Devolution* reduces
humans' physical,
mental, and magical
abilities!!

The bodily
change is
simply a
bonus.



What is this?!!
My magic was
better than this
when I was a
kid!!!



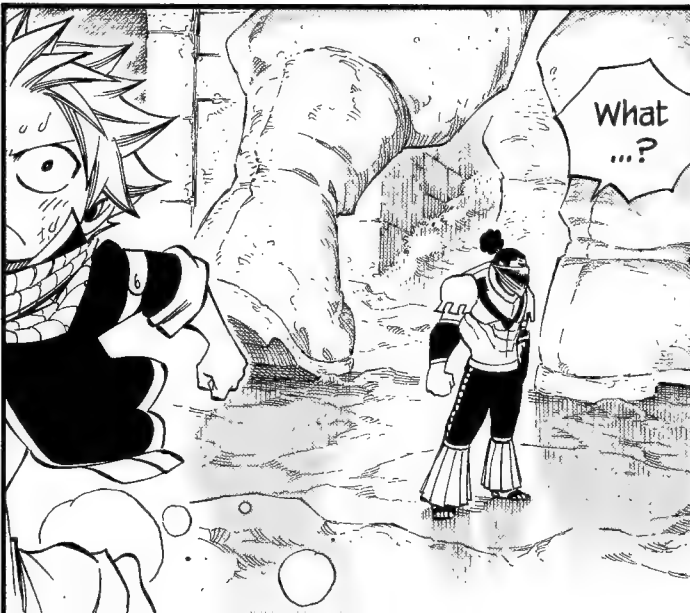
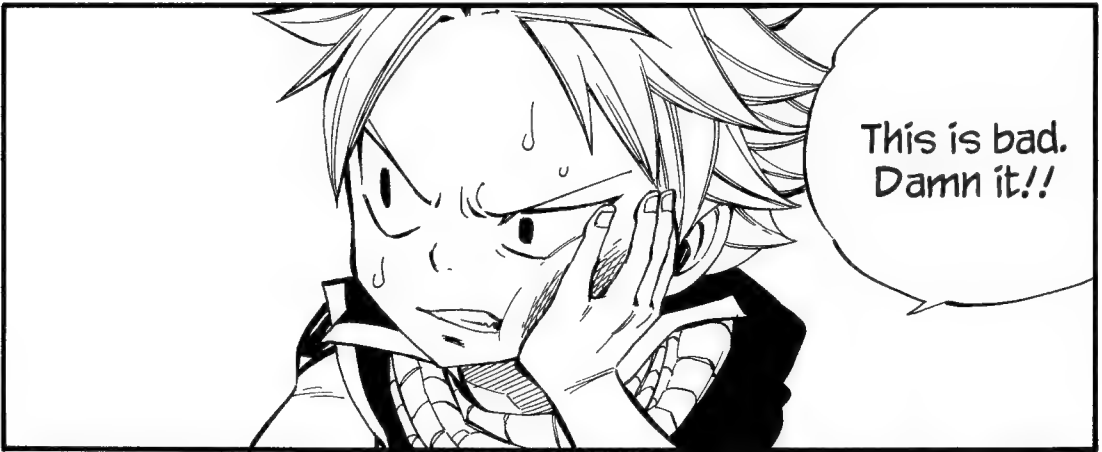
!!
PUFF
!!



Yer not
playin'
fair!!!!

KLENCH

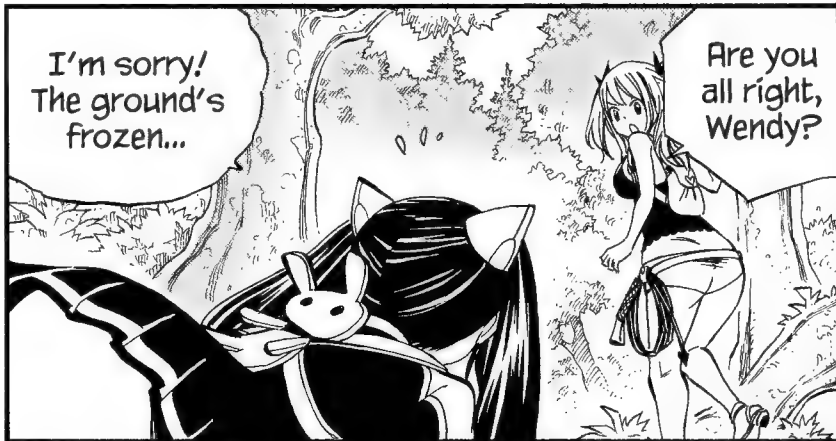








**He'll learn
to fear the
might of the
Inhumans!**



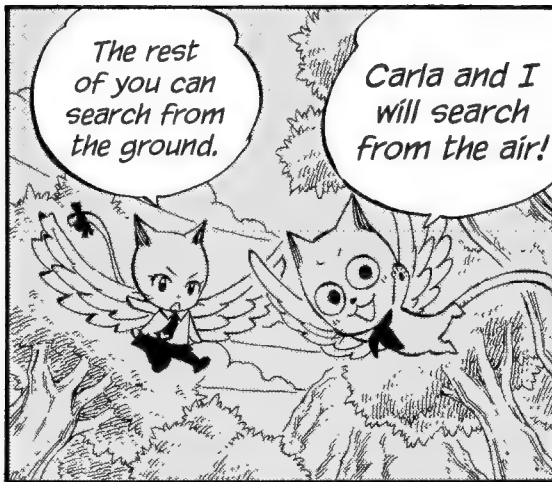
**I'm sorry!
The ground's
frozen...**

**Are you
all right,
Wendy?**



KYAA!!

**RAV
T
H
ON**





I'm a
white cat.
NSADUUN!

What's the
problem? We're
just a pair of
heavy cats.
Nya.

I think
we're being
followed.

EEEE
EEEEK
!!!!

Treasure
hunting seems
to have many
mysteries.

Did they
really think
that'd fool
us?

I *knew* I
should have
been the blue
cat!

You mean they
saw through
our Treasure
Hunter Skill,
"Disguise"...?!



We'll take
them now
with a
DUUN!!!!

Now
that the
cat's out of
the bag, we
heavily got
no choice
!!!!

New
goal!!!!
Your keys
are, like,
heavily rare,
right?!!



Um... We
apologize for
breaking the
bottle...

But we're
not here to
fight. We
want to save
the giants.



What's
with these
guys?!

SHIFF



We treasure
hunters only
ask ourselves
one question...

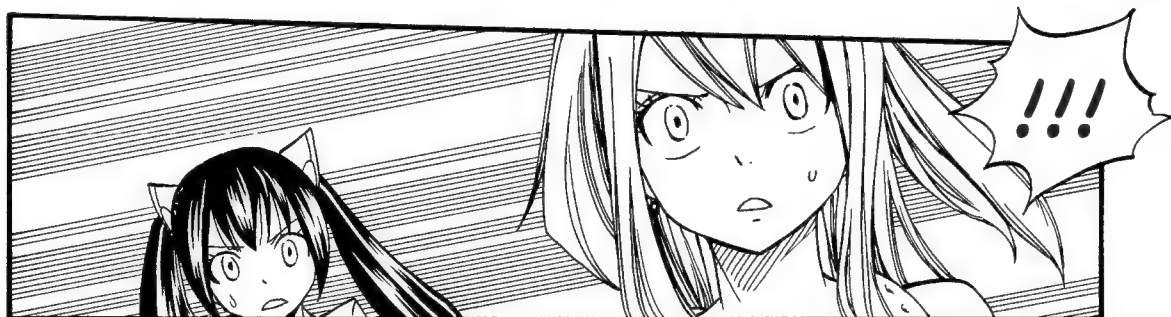


Giants
?

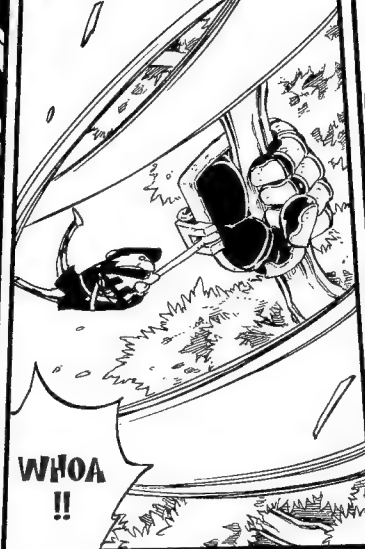
Who
cares about
them?

Is it
treasure, or
ain't it
?!!!

RAK!







We don't *want* a fight, but you're being so awful, we can't let it stand.

If you want to hurt the people of this village, you'll have to go through us!!



I don't need no chicks!! Let's kill 'em with a **DUUN!!**

Sweet... We can get treasure *and* chicks!!





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Chapter 347: The Great Charge of the Red, the Blue, and the Blondie



↑
By the way, the
costume is pink.

SABER TOOTH	
Name: Frosch	Age: ?
Magic: Aera	
Likes: Frogs	Dislikes: Worms

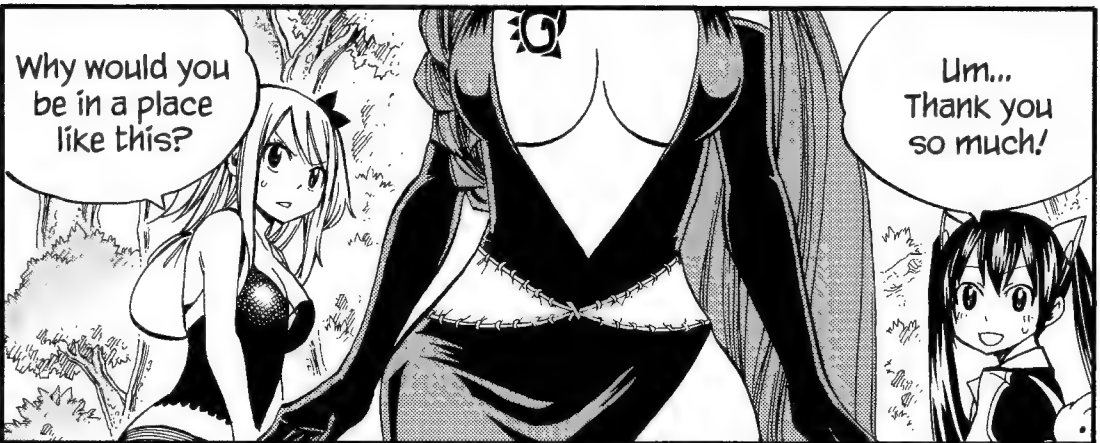
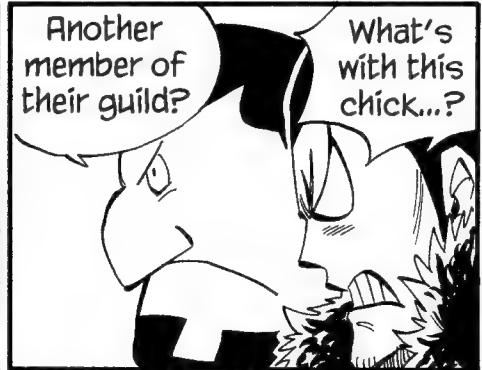
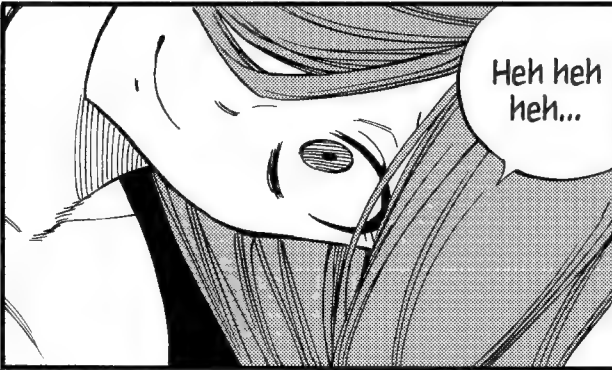
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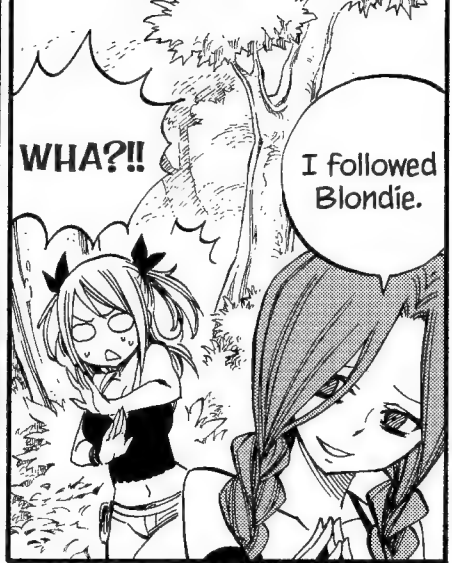
When Frosch was little, the cat believed it was a frog. Discovery of the truth brought on three days of tears.

Afterwards, the young Exceed received a frog costume, and has worn this beloved costume every day since.

From the day Frosch met Rogue, they've been inseparable. Lecter is another good friend.

Though a bit dim-witted, Frosch could beat Lecter in a footrace, believe it or not! Frosch is destined to be killed in one year, but is not aware of this fate yet.

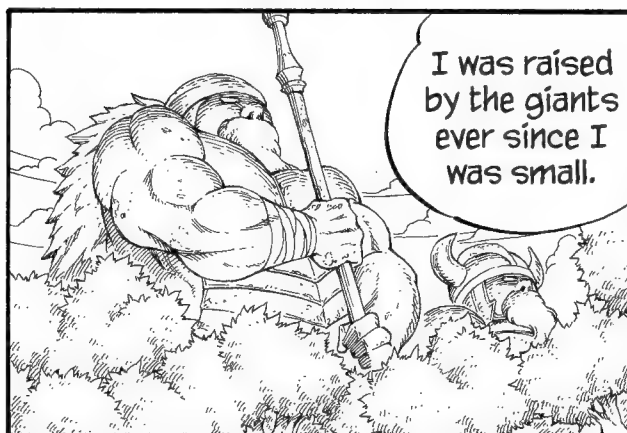






...of the
Village of
the Sun.

This is the
mark...



I was raised
by the giants
ever since I
was small.



No
way!

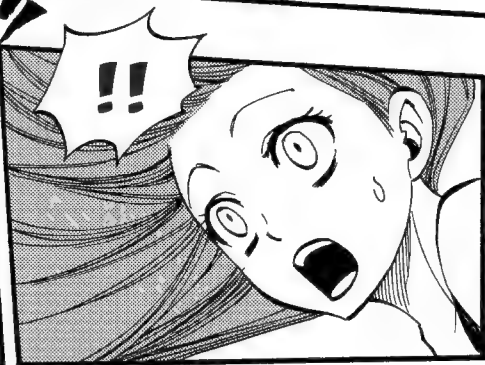
Flare-san,
you're
from this
village?!!

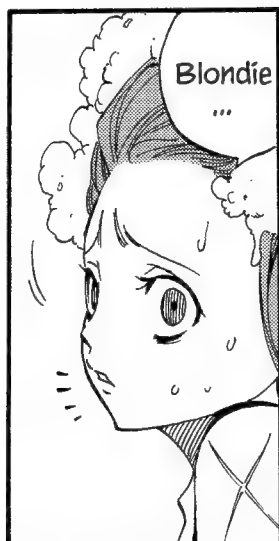


I will not
forgive
this!

And
now I come
back to find...
everyone... my
family...







Blondie ...



Ahhh...
That
feels so
good!!!

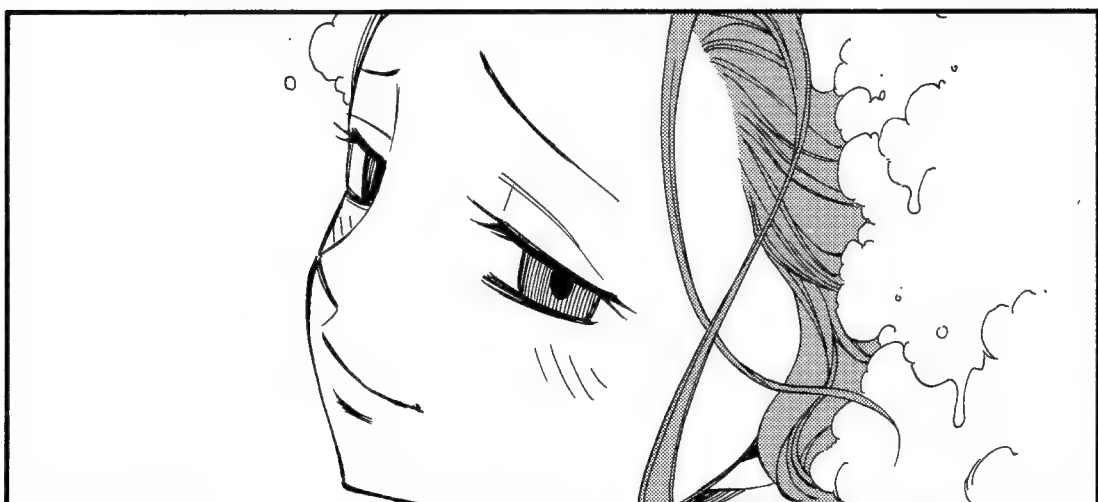
Scalp
care to
promote
hair
growth
!!!



Let's
fight
together
!!

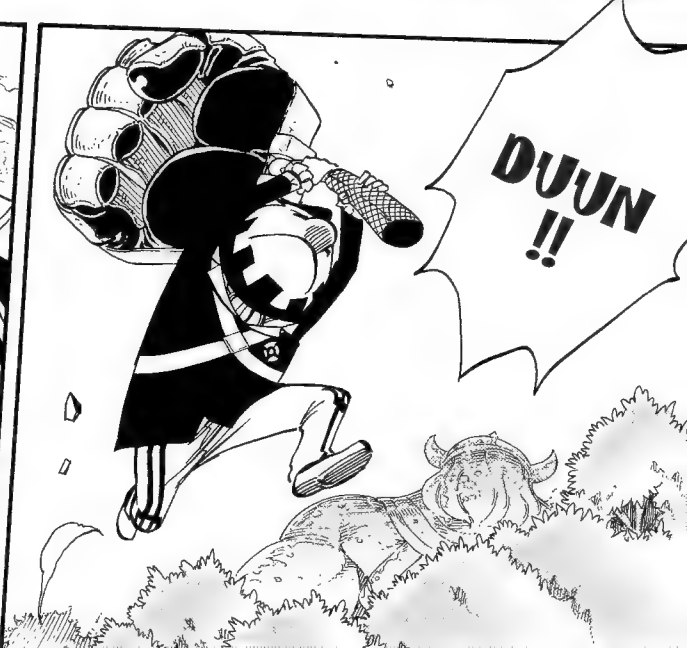


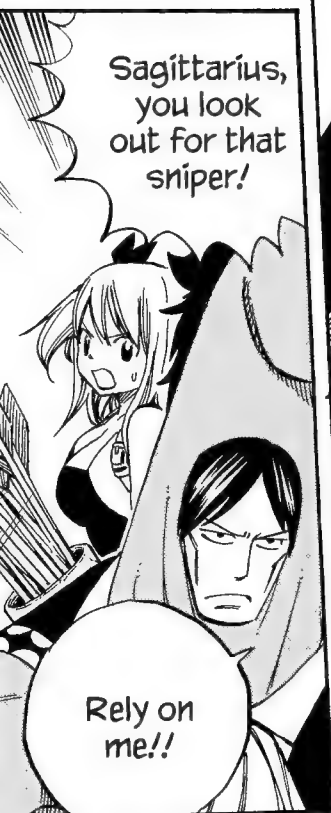
We're here
to help the
giants.

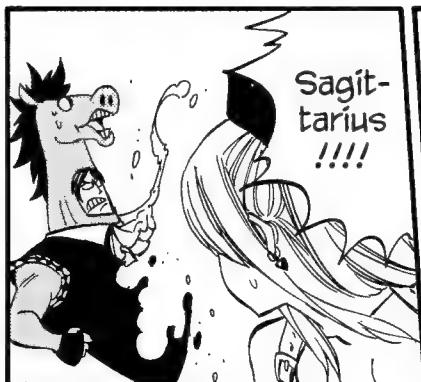
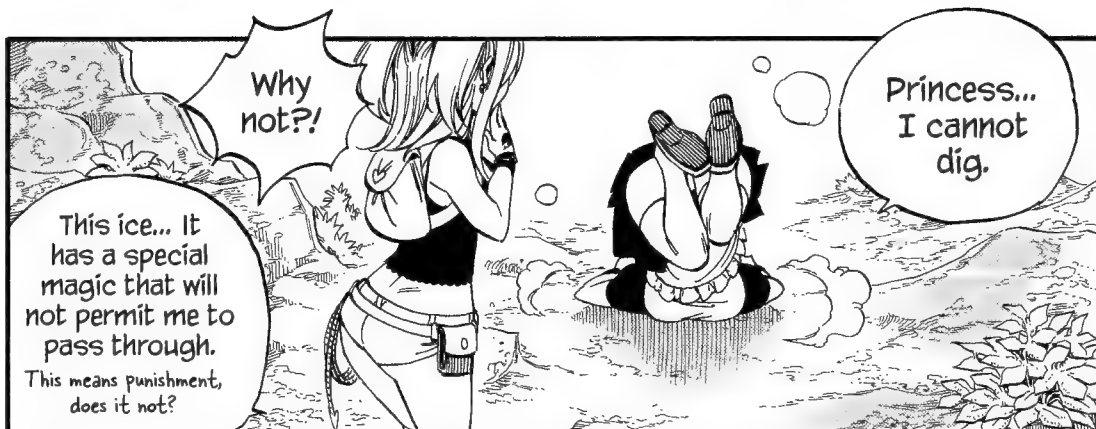
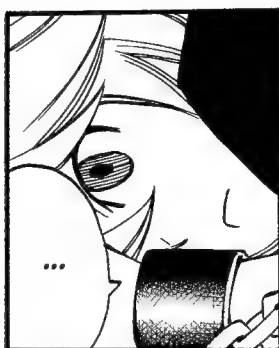


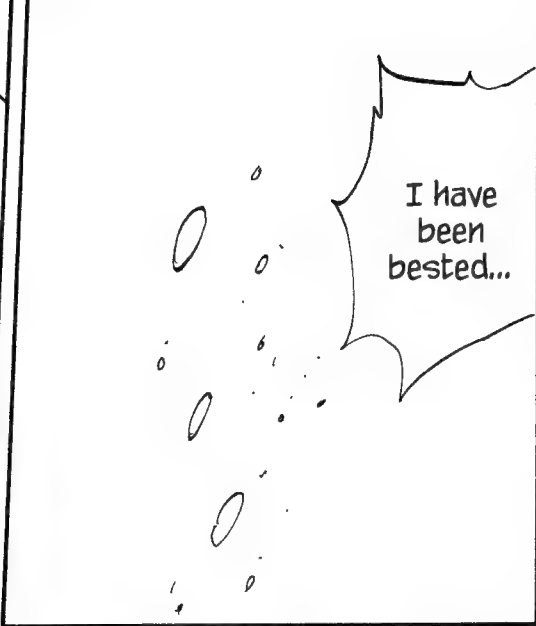


*Sky Dragon's









**HAIR
SHOWER,
FIREFLY
!!!!**

BOOM

BOOM

BOOM

BOOM

FI

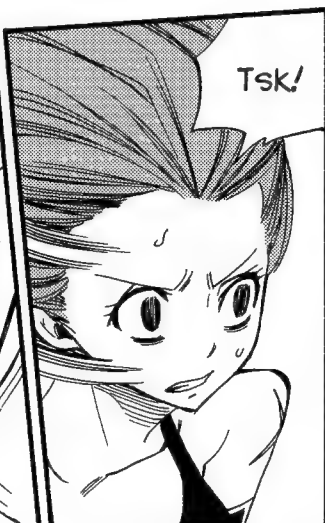
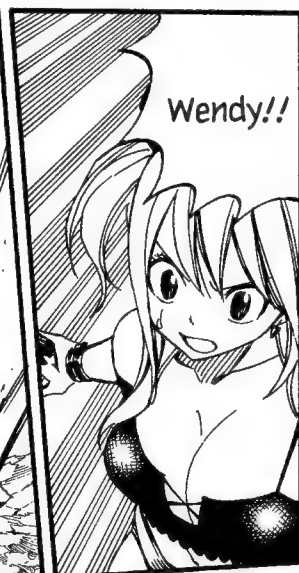


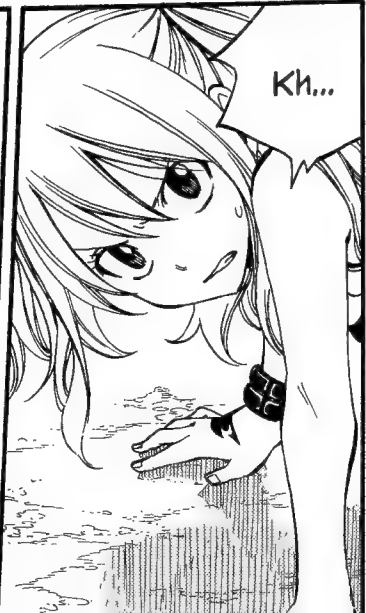
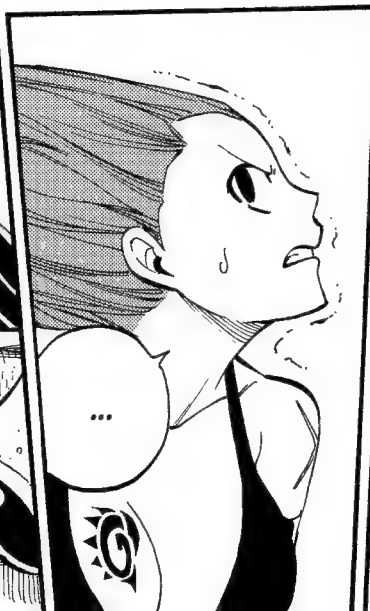
Hiroshi
!!!



ARRGGH
!!









Now why
don't you act
like chicks are
supposed to,
and just shake
your butts
for us!!

You wizards
need to train
heavily for at least
ten more years
before you dare
to pick a fight
with us!!



Whooo
...



What are
you guys?
Stupid?

If you
wish a bottom
shaken, then I'll
do it as much
as you like!



HEHN!



Wa ha ha ha!!
Good idea!!
Do it!!

Hey, you!!
Shake your
butt a little!



You could train
for a hundred
years and still
not be ready to
fight us!!



WHAT
THE
?!!



ARMS
!!!!

KRACHOW



You
little...



What
?!

Tying my
hair won't
stop it from
growing!



Lucy
!!!



He
made
it!!



Found
you!



DWOOON

**Lucy
Kick
!!!!**

**And
Virgo
Kick!!!!**



ZLATT

ZLATT

ZLATT

ZLATT

ZLATT

**HAIR
SHOWER,
PLOVER
!!!!**



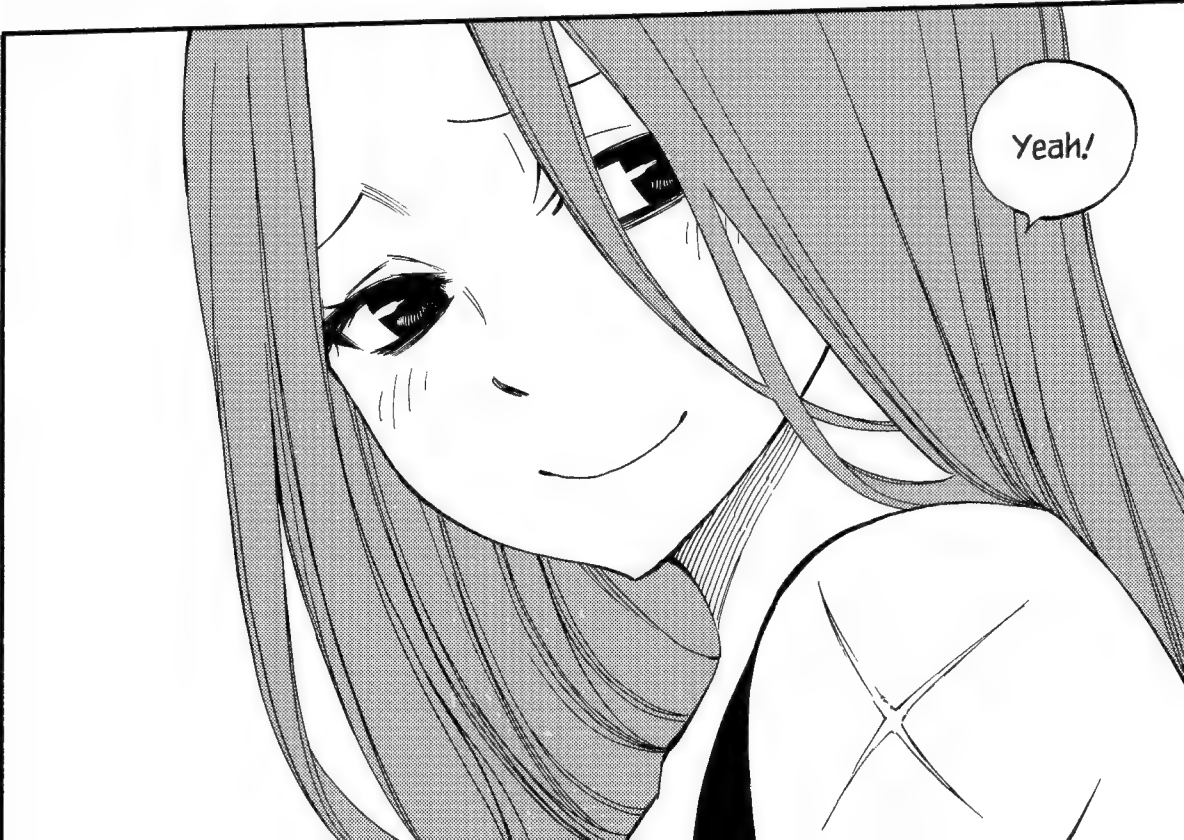
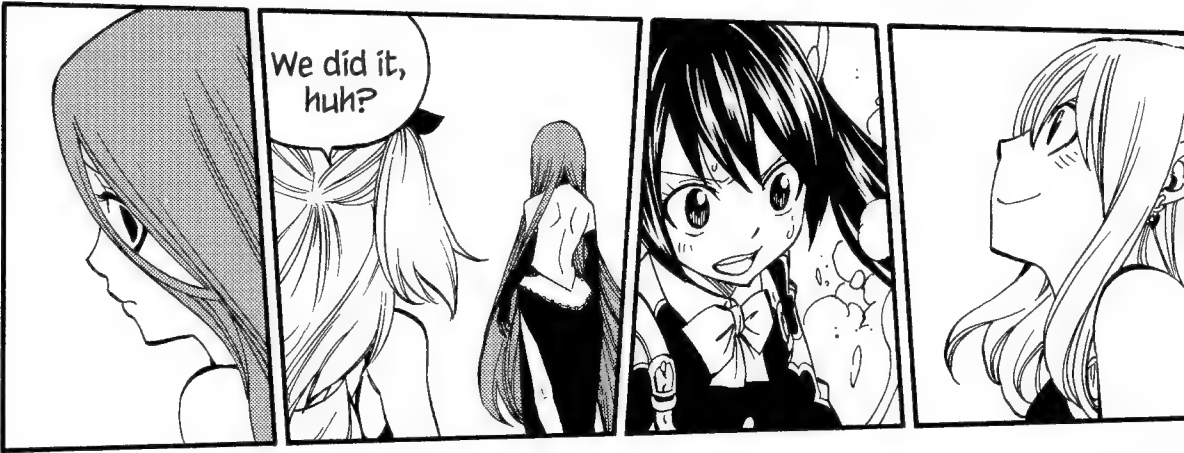
HHHHHHH

OOOOO

NOONH

**TENRYŪ
NO
YOKU-
GEKI*
!!!!**

*Sky Dragon's Wing Attack



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SABER TOOTH

Name: Yukino Agria

Age: 18

Magic:

Celestial Spirit Magic

Likes:

Her big sister Sorano

Dislikes:

Master Ziemma



Remarks

She was ejected from the Saber Tooth guild for a short time during the Grand Magic Games, but she was later reinstated. She uses the same celestial spirit magic as Lucy, and has a contract with the two golden key celestial spirits that Lucy does not possess. Many remember her loss to Kagura, but actually she's quite a strong wizard. She was separated from her big sister Sorano, and now dreams of their reunion.

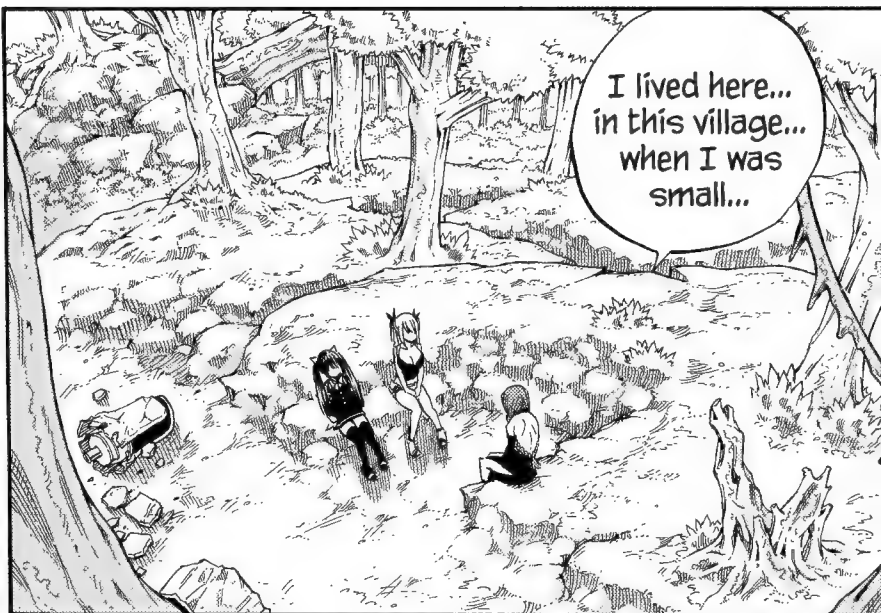
Chapter 348: The Devil Returns



But... I hated
being the only
one... who was
different...



I lived here...
in this village...
when I was
small...



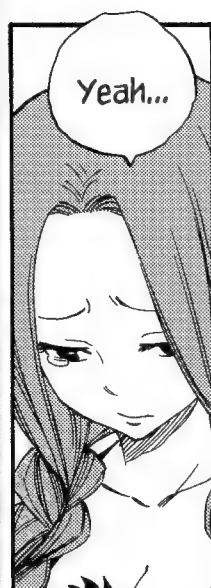
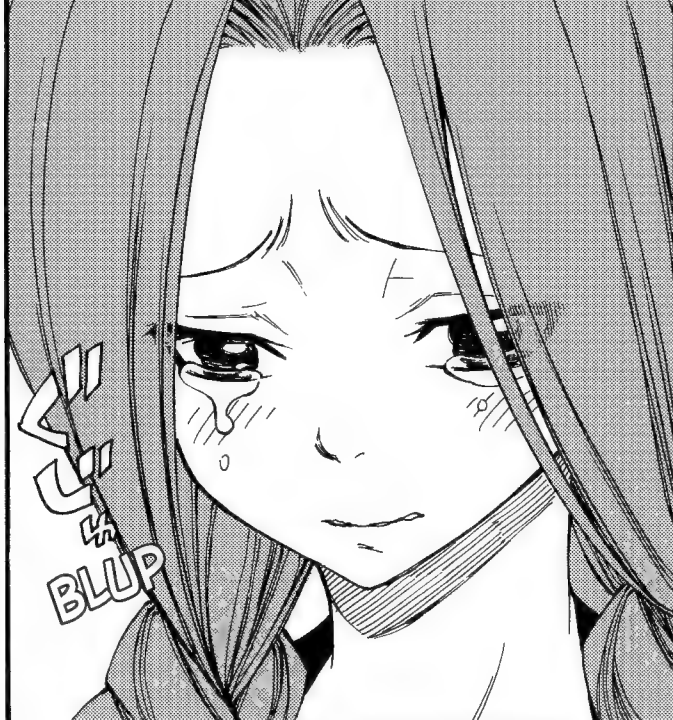
Up to that
time, I had
never seen
another person
my own
size.

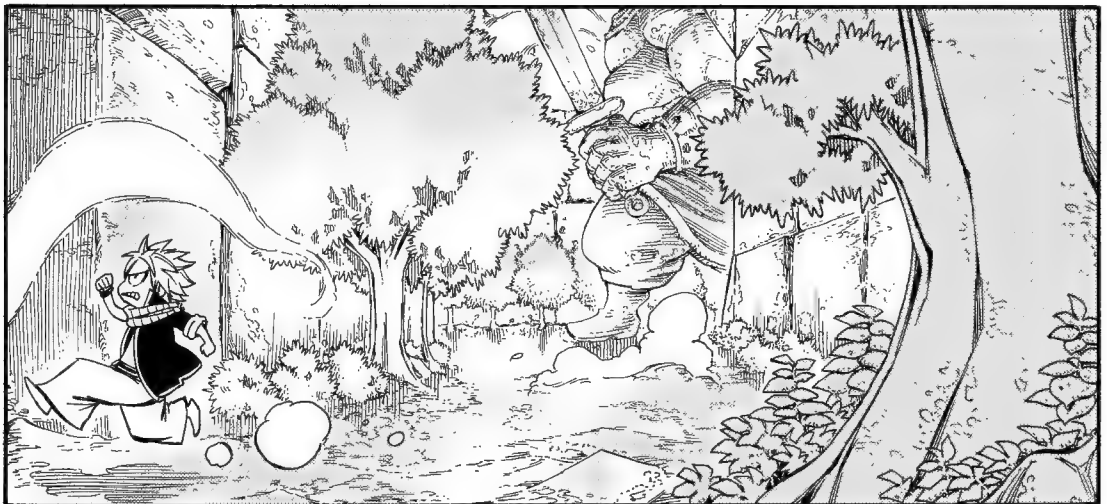
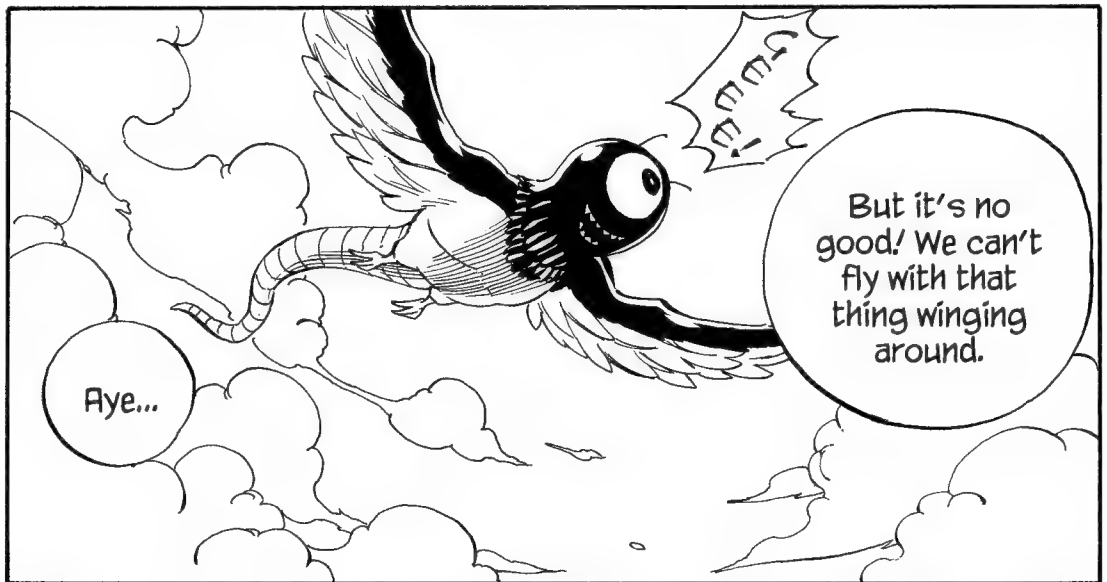
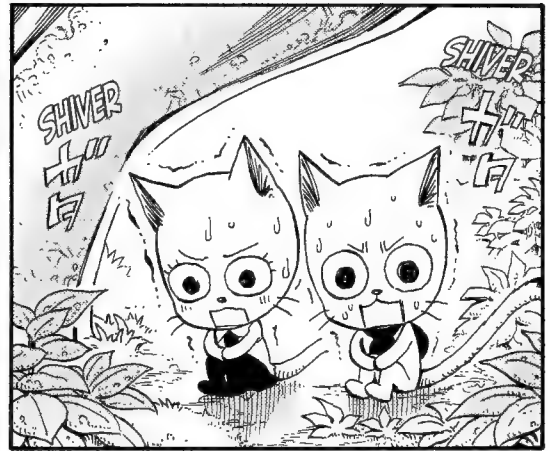
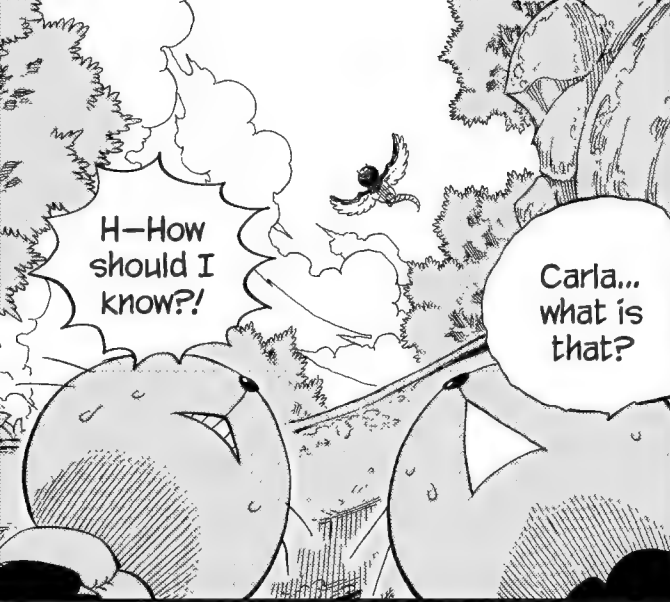


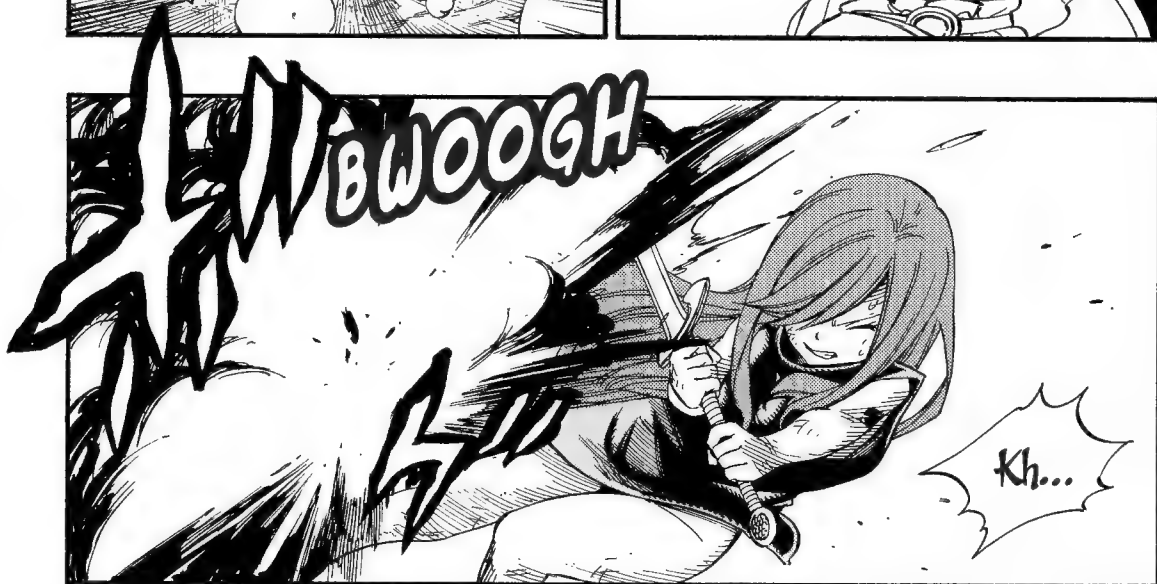
So I
left the
village.











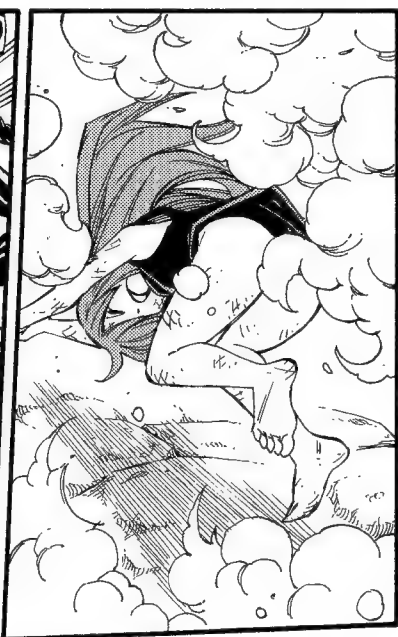


The
great
Erza,
helpless
as a
child!

Ah ha
ha ha!
This is
fun!!



AGH!



SKRRCH



HAHH

HAHH

HAHH



You
really
are...
only a
child!

Ah ha
ha!



Until
I've completely
forgotten how you
humiliated me at
the Grand Magic
Games!

I'll give you
more pain!!
More! More!!

GUH...

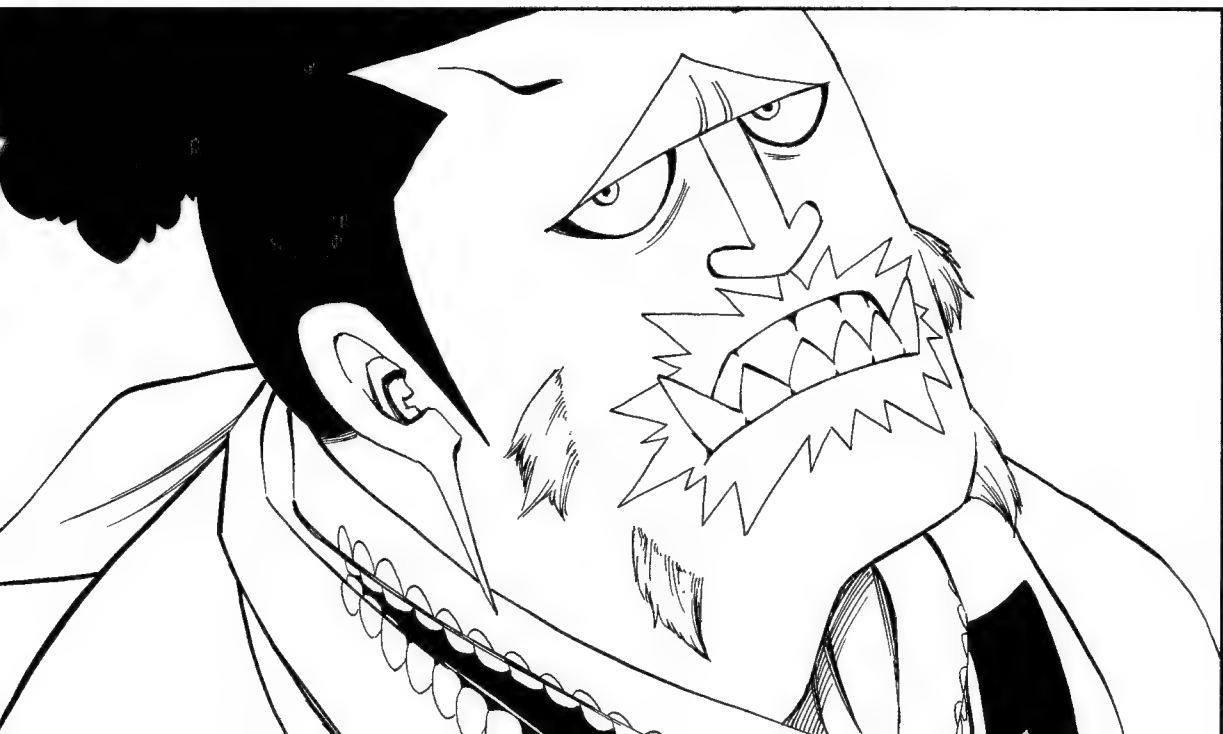
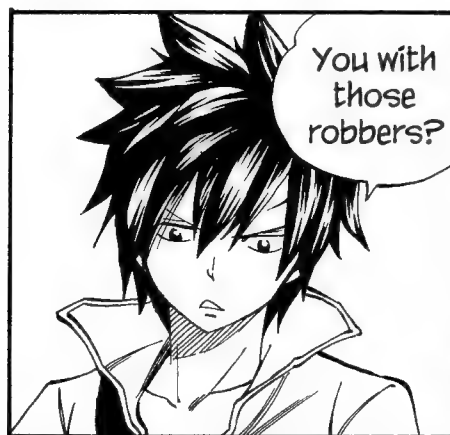
CRATCH!!

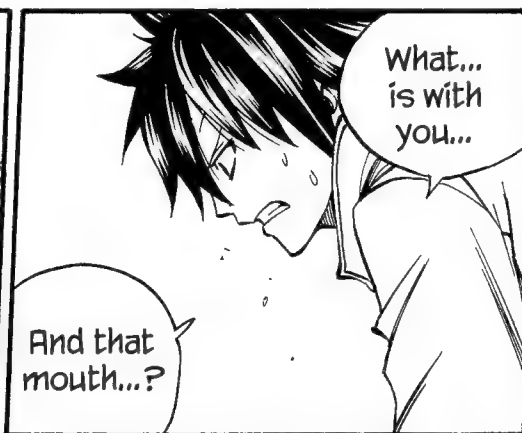


Is defeating the
caster the only
way to get this
magic off me?!

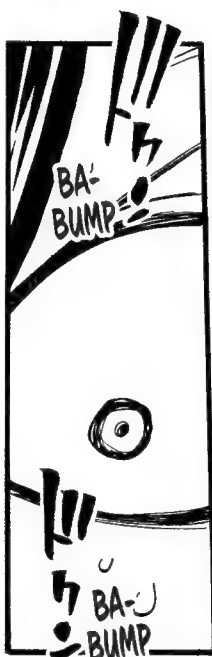


I'm no
match for
her at all in
this form!





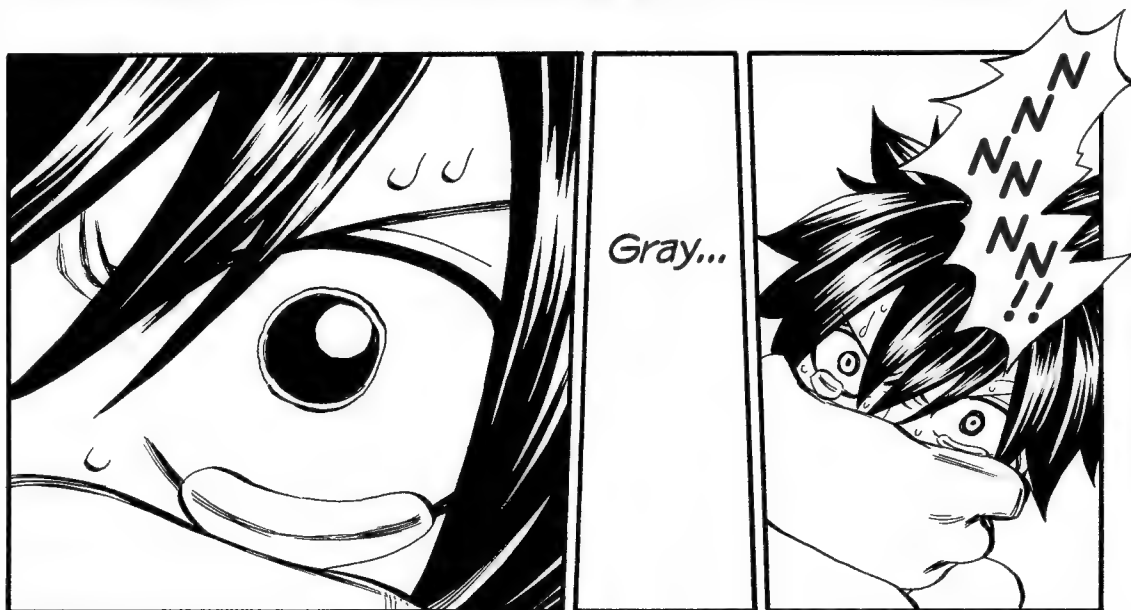
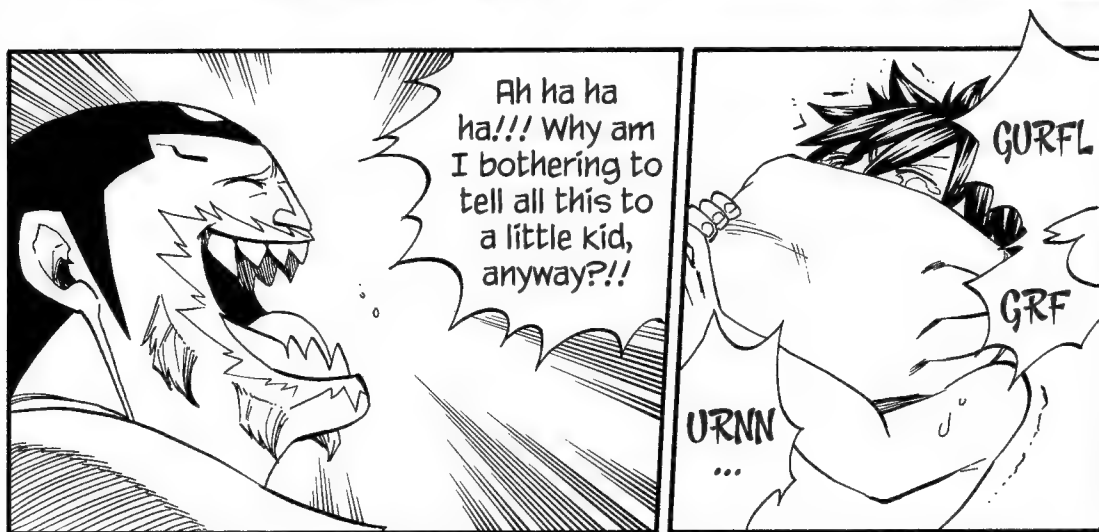


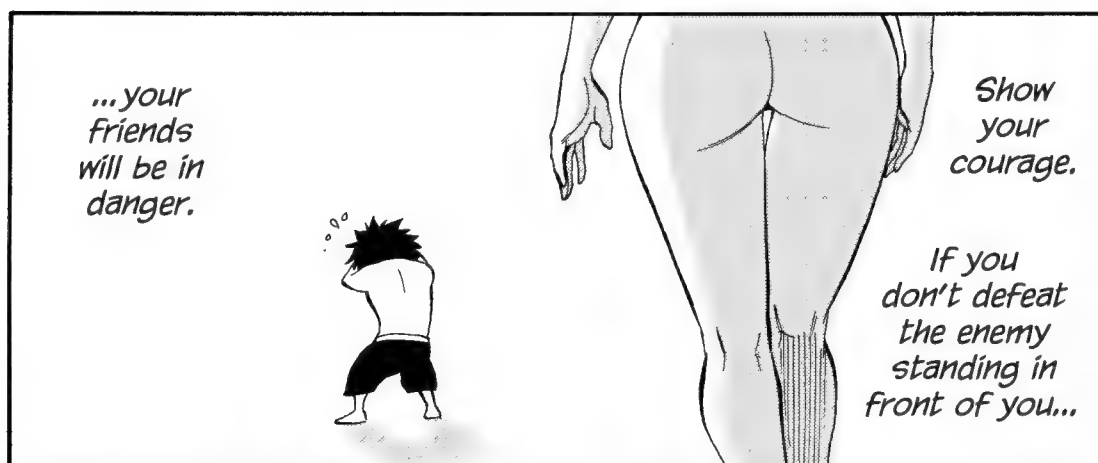
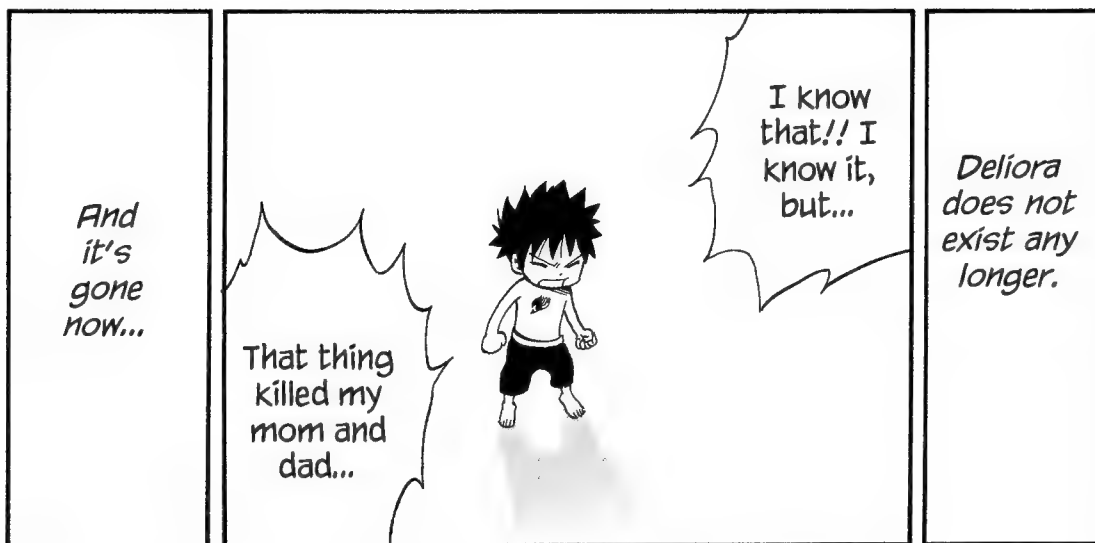














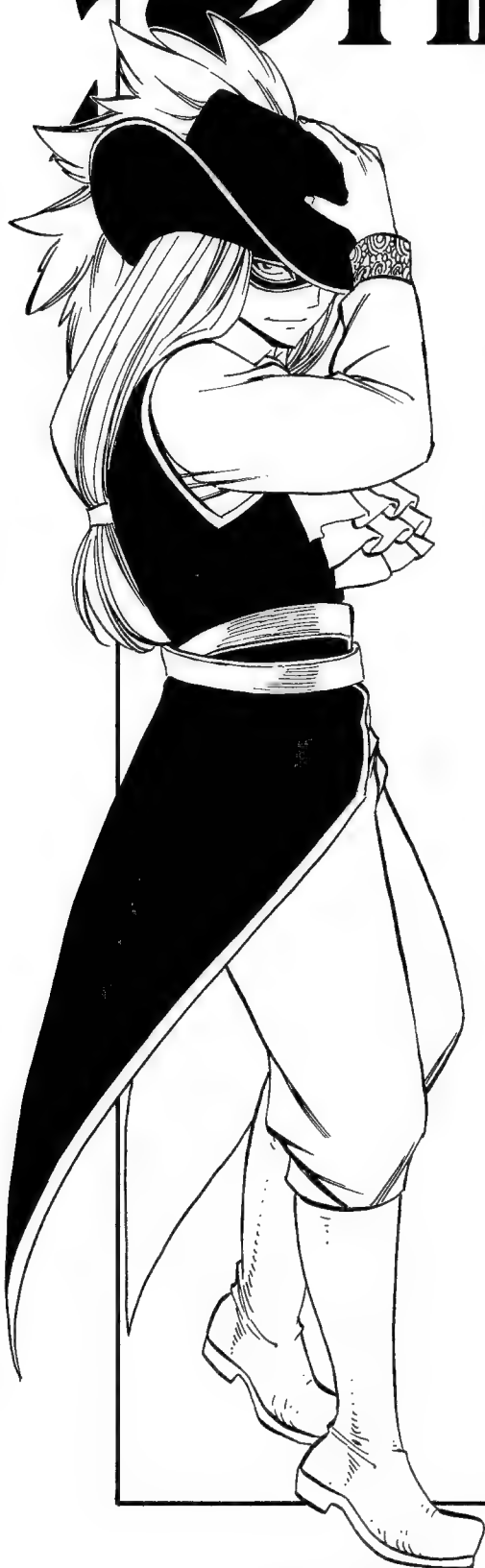





**Anybody
who uses
ice magic as
repulsive as
this...**

**... should
get a taste
of the real
thing!!!!**

FAIRY TAIL



SABER TOOTH	
Name: Rufus Lore	Age: 19
Magic: Memory Make	
Likes: Poetry	Dislikes: Memo Pads



Remarks

A Memory Maker wizard whose nickname is "the Troubadour who Sings to the Red Moon." Memory Make can be used to instantly memorize any magic the wizard sees and change it into a new kind of magic. It can also be employed to manipulate people's memories in a variety of ways, but that wasn't demonstrated during the Grand Magic Games. Realizing there are many similarities between himself and Fairy Tail's Fried, Rufus is considering taking this opportunity to change his image now that he has returned to Saber Tooth.









When you're
a Maker...
an active
imagination is
your greatest
weapon.

I can get back
to basics now
'cause of what
you did! I gotta
thank you for
that!

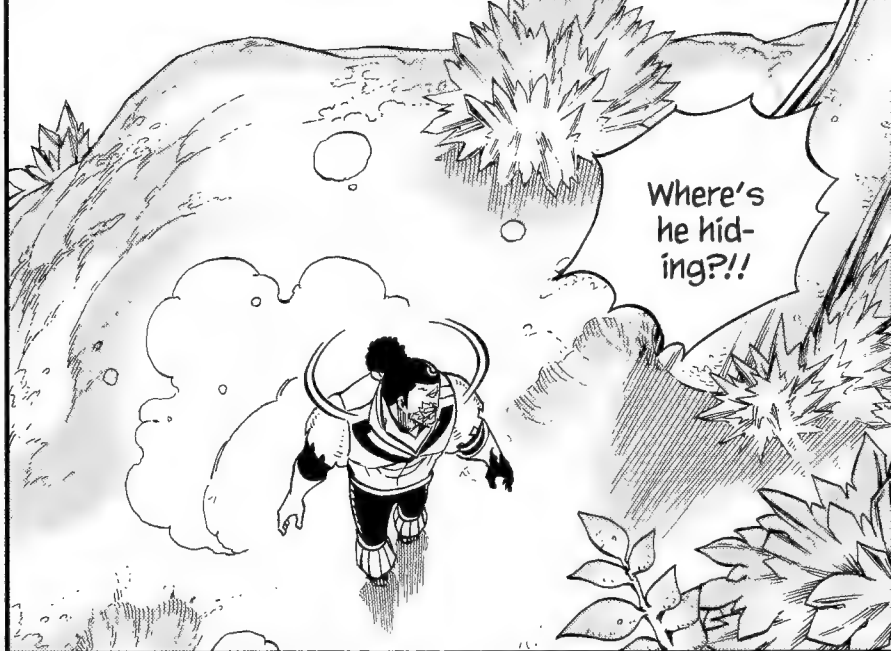


Don't give
me that
crap!!!!

You say you
got a better
imagination,
but what good
are ideas if you
ain't got the
magic to carry
them out?



You fell
for it again,
huh?

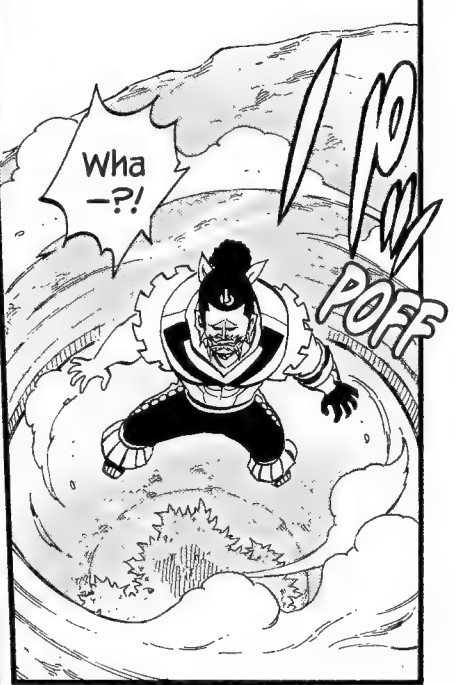


Where's
he hid-
ing?!!



!!

I made that
whole surface
you're standing
on.





That's cold!

SHAVED ICE!



Use your head all you want. Your magic don't hurt me none. It don't even tickle...



Yeah, whatever!

I can just turn that little thing into something else.



Man, I bet that shaved ice tastes really gross.



Ha ha ha!!



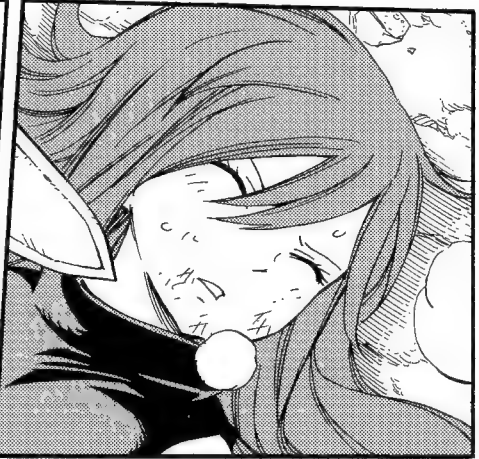
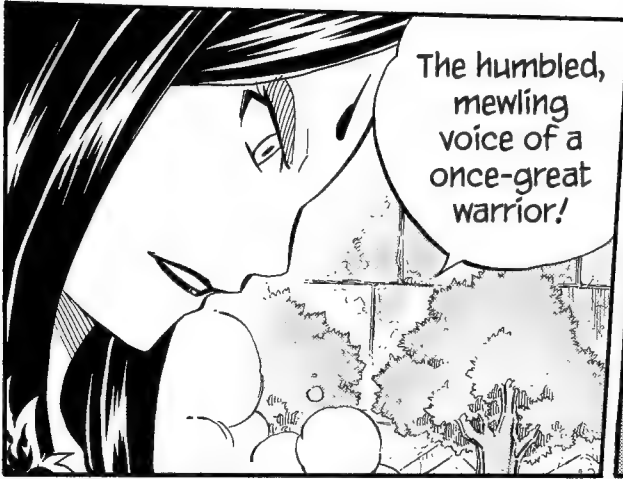
It wasn't you who froze this village, was it?

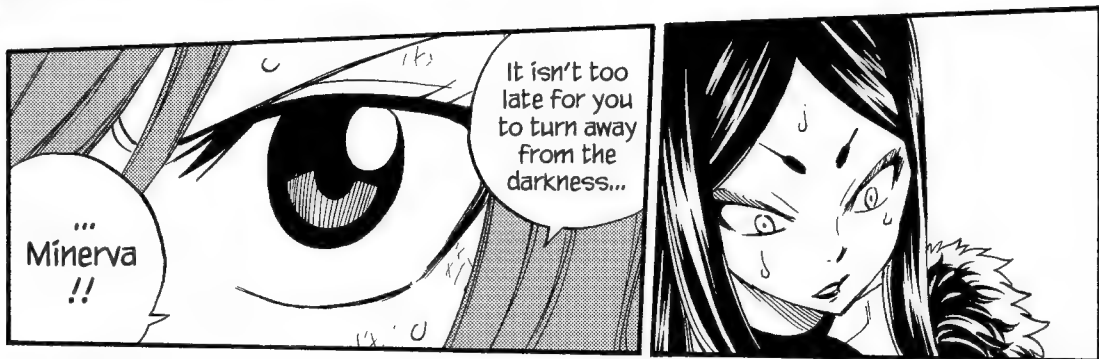
Your magic ain't that strong!

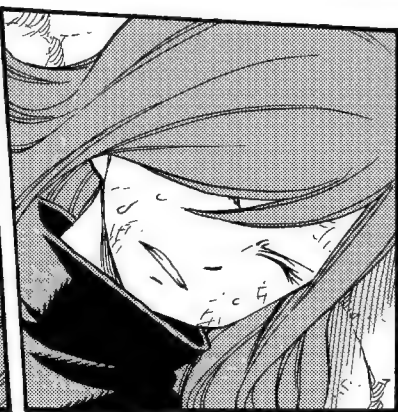
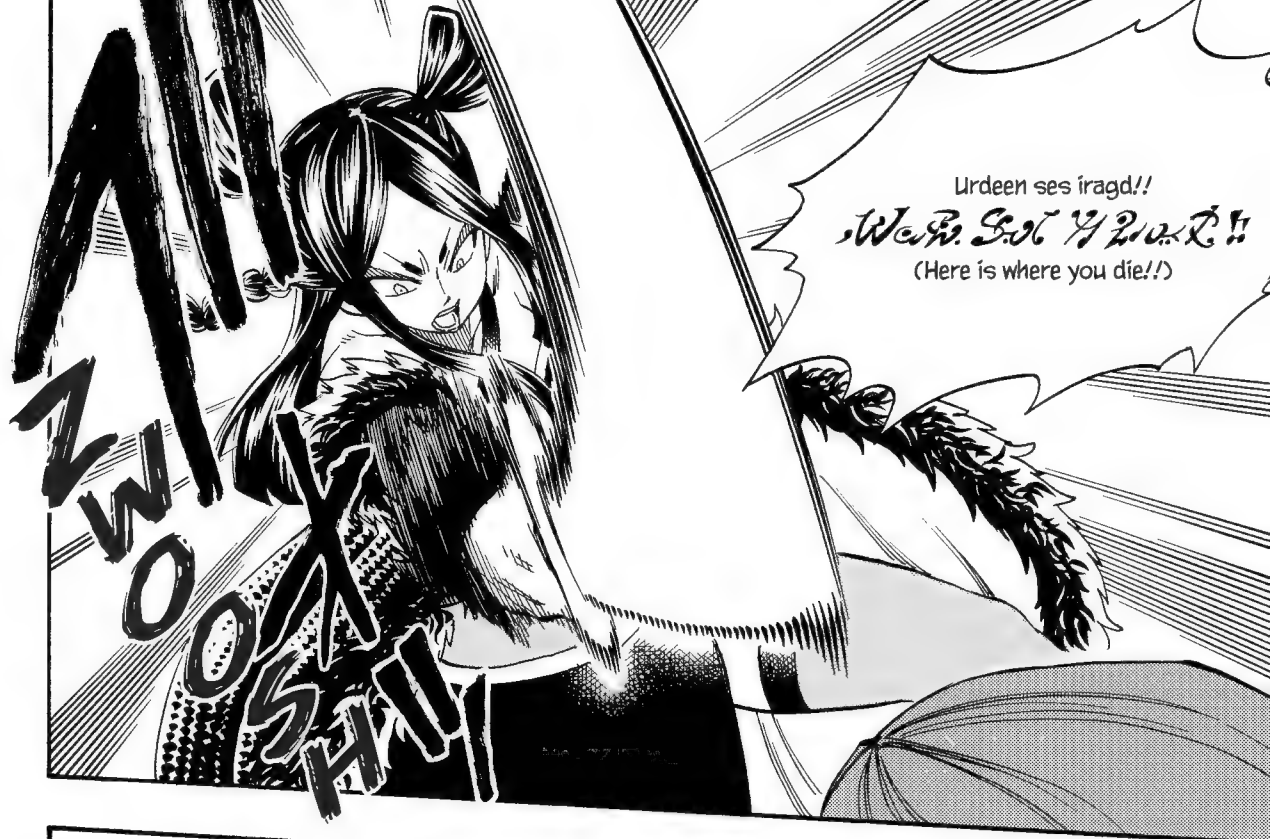
But anyway! No ice wizard would think *that* was cold!

Your secret's out!











AGH!

THANK
YOU!!

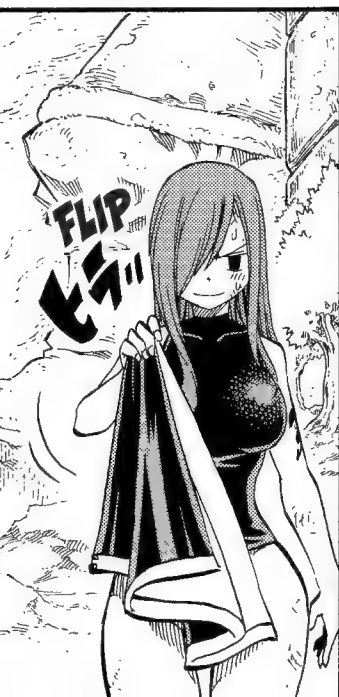
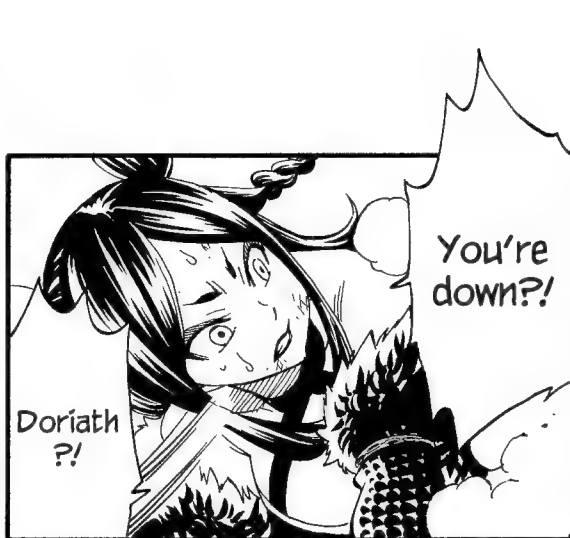
WHOOSH
!!

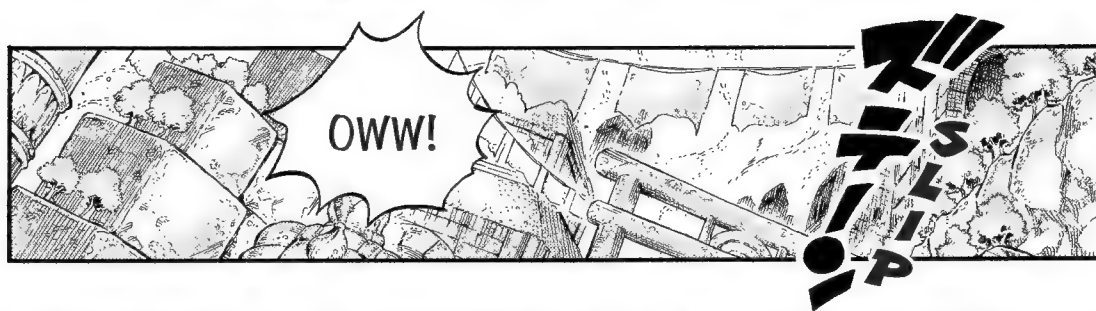
My
body...

It's
back to
normal
?!!!











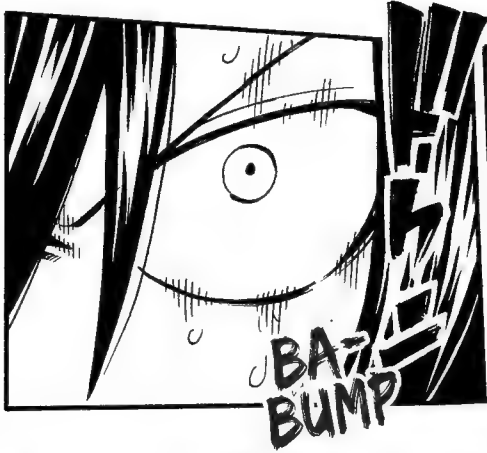


What's
with this
guy?!



What a
moron...

So
you lost all
reason and your
magic just
went poof?





A demon
from the Book
of Zeref...



FAIRY TAIL

Chapter 350: Gray vs. Doriath



SABER TOOTH

Name: Olga Nanagia

Age: 23

Magic:

Thunder God Slayer Magic

Likes:

Singing

Dislikes:

Fire



Remarks

He's the most powerful wizard in Saber Tooth, using thunder god slayer magic. They say god slayer magic can kill gods, and that it's an Ancient Spell that has been feared for ages. He was defeated in the Grand Magic Games in one punch by Jura, but he thinks of that as a good memory. Now he is spending all his time in training for a rematch with Laxus or Jura.

He is very fond of Lector and Frosch, and he often watches them hoping for a chance to play with them.



Then what
is this
guy...?!



But did he
start out as
human...?!
No... that
can't be
right!!

A demon
from the
Book of
Zeref...





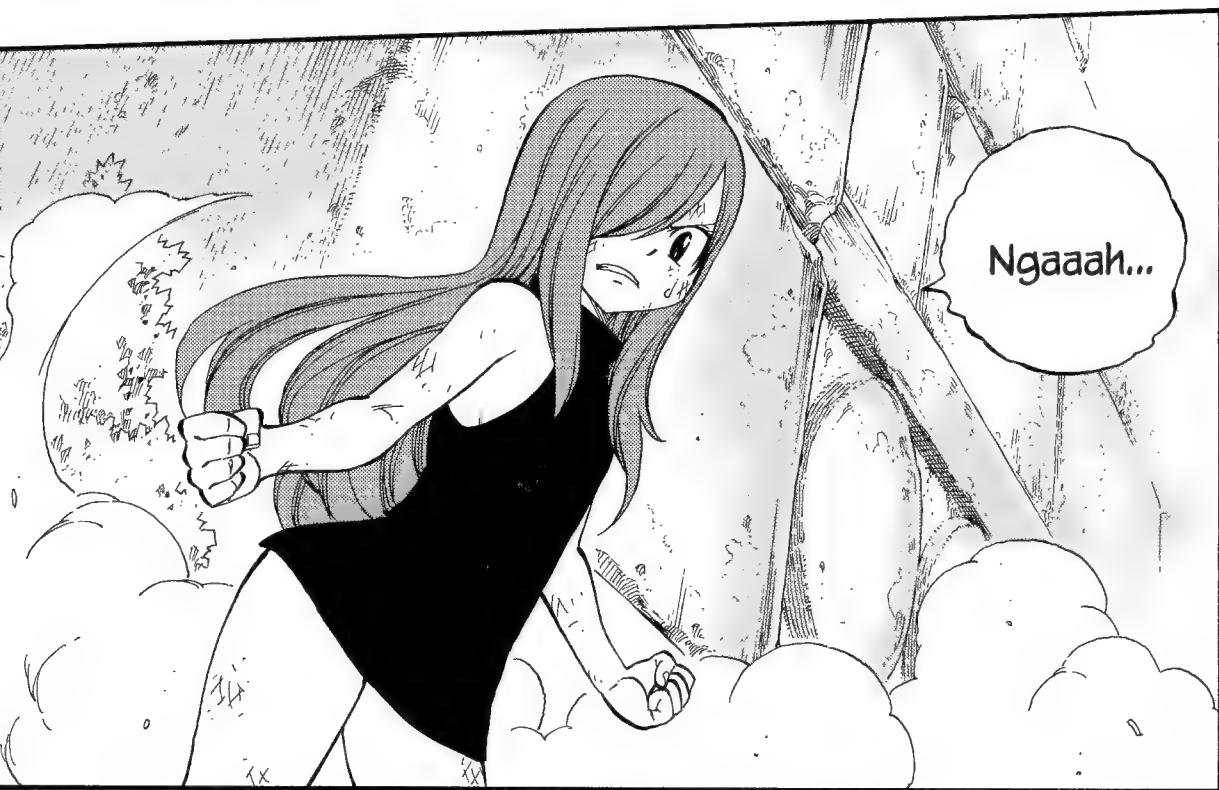


Wh...

What the heck is going on?!



I'm a kid again!!



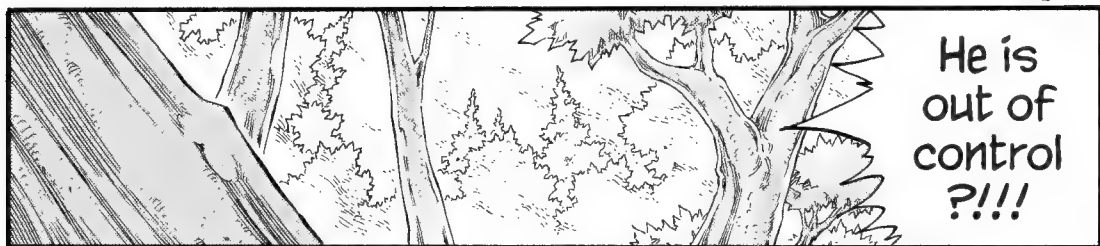
Ngaaah...

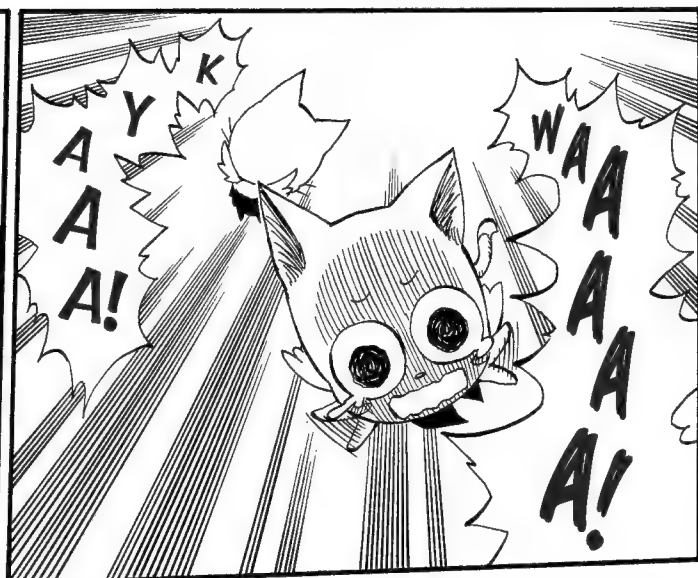


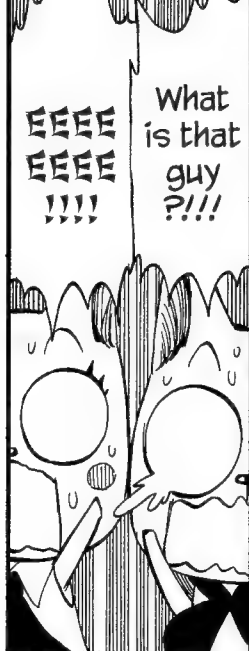
B-But you're...



Ho? It seems that Doriath has *not* been defeated.









Didn't work!!



GRASSH
KIIII



Okay....!!!
Then I'll
freeze his
feet so
he can't
move!!!

PACHIK



GAAH!

KOOON

KOOON

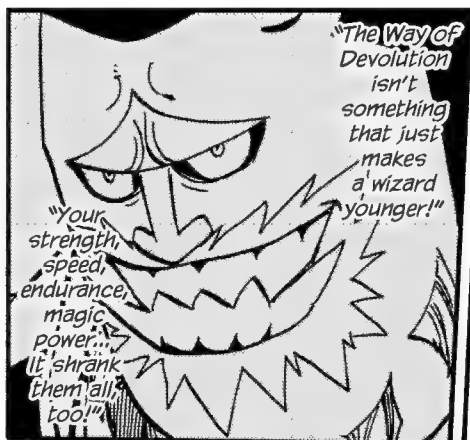


SKRRRCOOCH

KIIII



Gray
!!



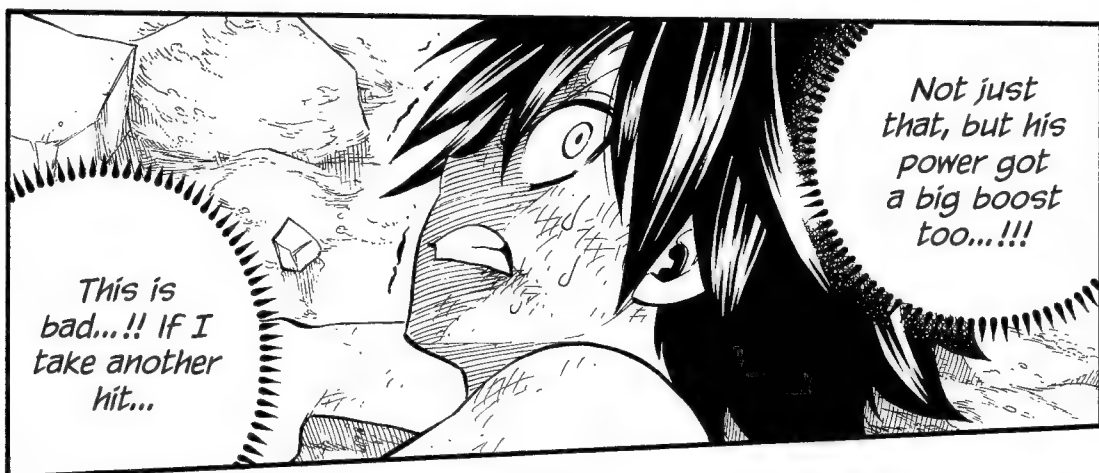
"The Way of Devolution isn't something that just makes a wizard younger!"

"your strength, speed, endurance, magic power... I shrunk them all, too!"



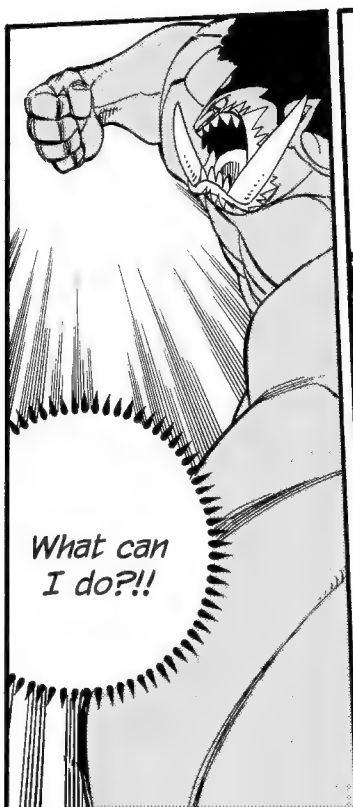
Wh— What's with this guy...?

Just one attack, and...



Not just that, but his power got a big boost too...!!!

This is bad...!! If I take another hit...

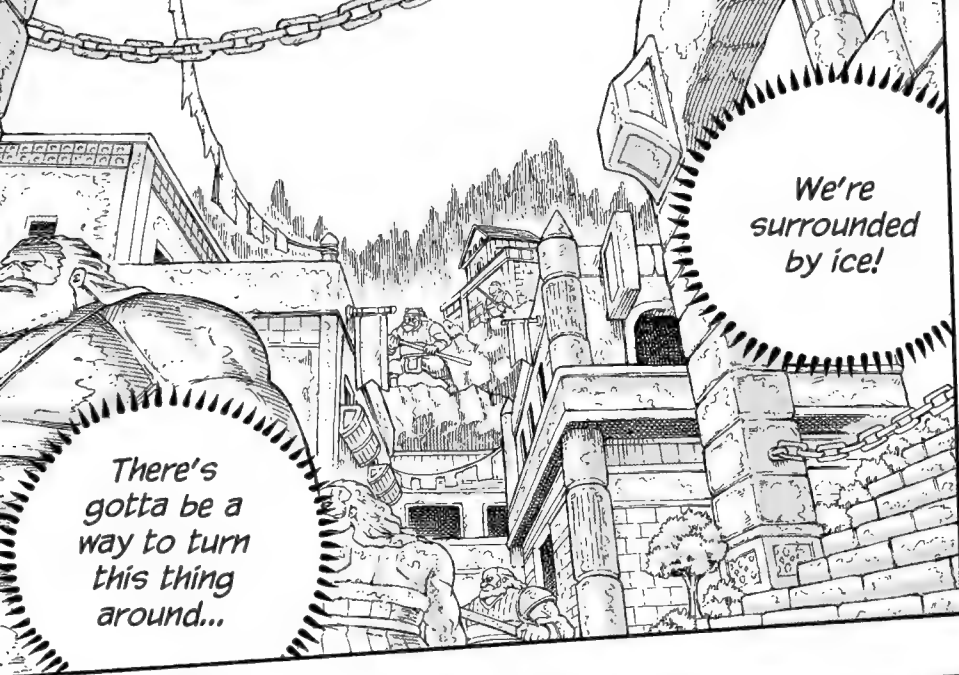


What can I do?!!

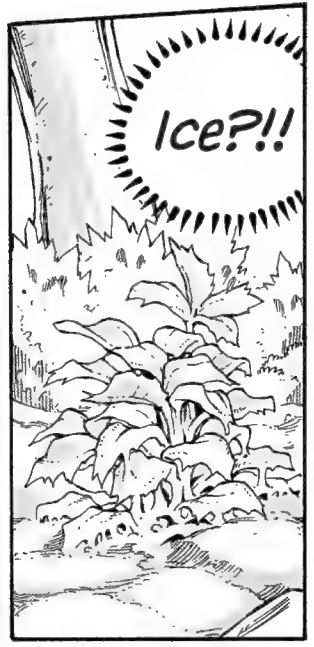
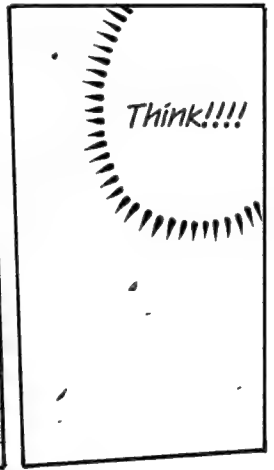


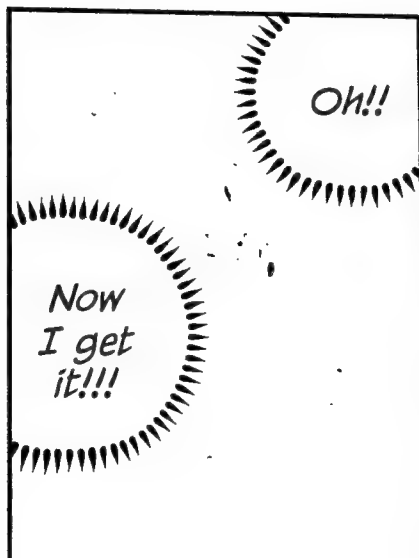
I can't avoid this one!!!





We're surrounded by ice!





But the grass he fell on was made of that special ice, and that actually seemed to damage him!



Normally a guy of his size would just shatter frozen grass.



...but the frozen grass did hurt him!

When he turned me into a kid, my ice didn't work on him...



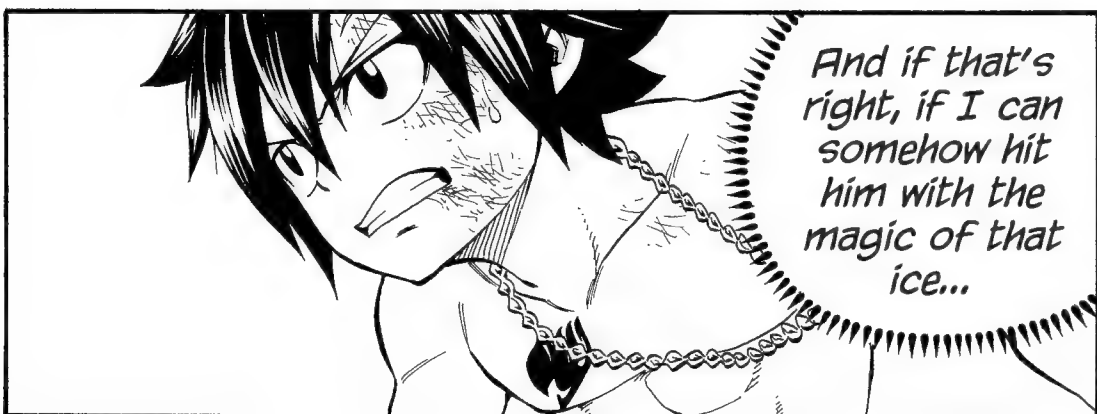
Even when he's lost all reason, he instinctively avoids contact with the ice! That could be proof!

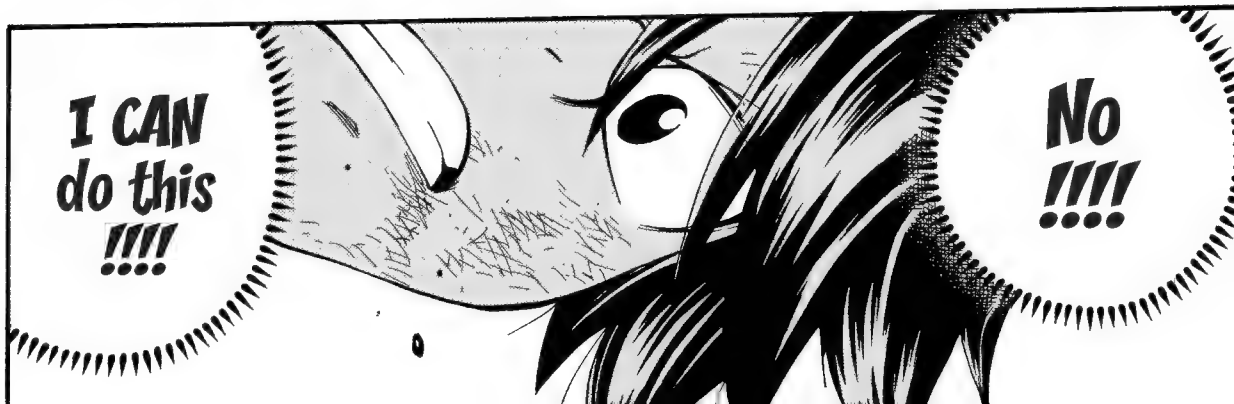


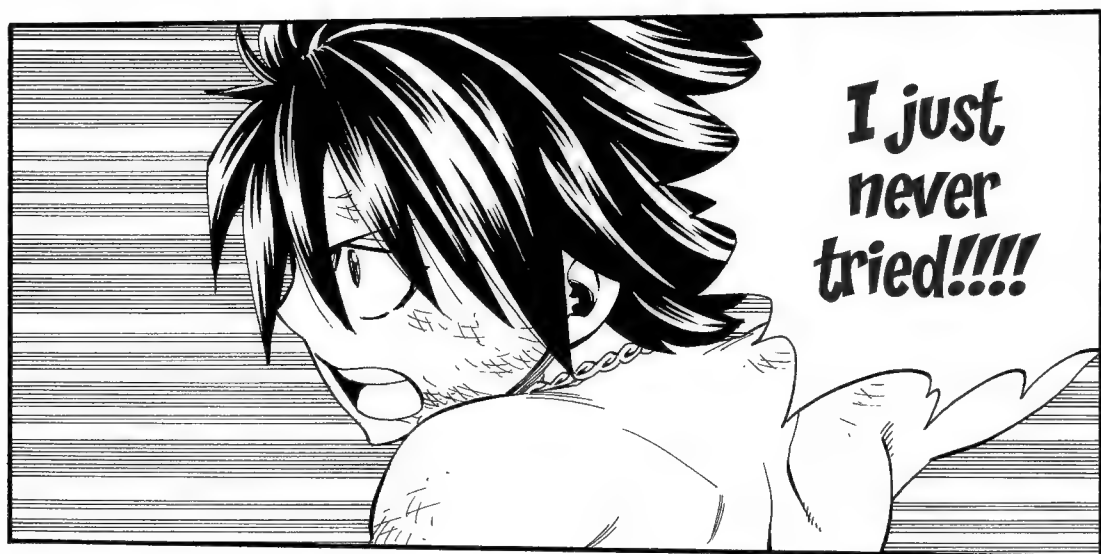
I don't know why... But can the ice of this village be his weak point?!!



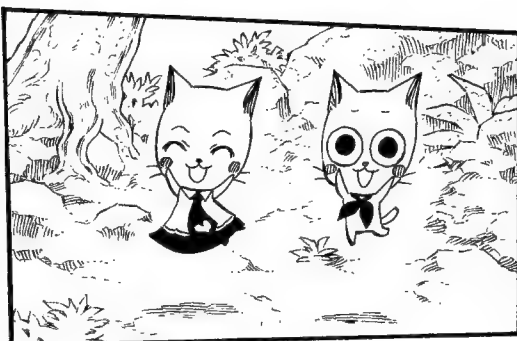
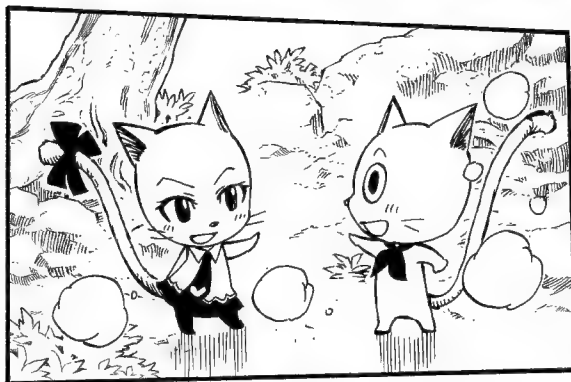
And if that's right, if I can somehow hit him with the magic of that ice...

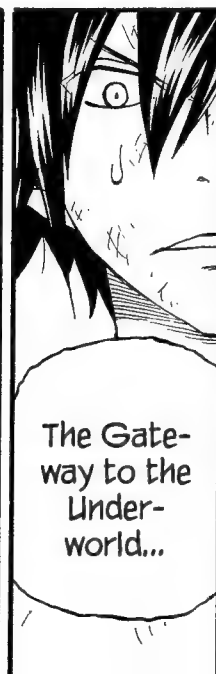














FAIRY TAIL

Chapter 351: Eternal Flame

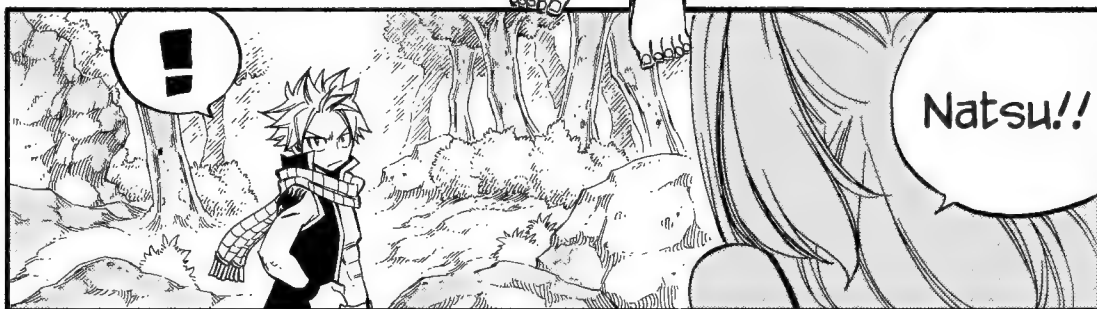


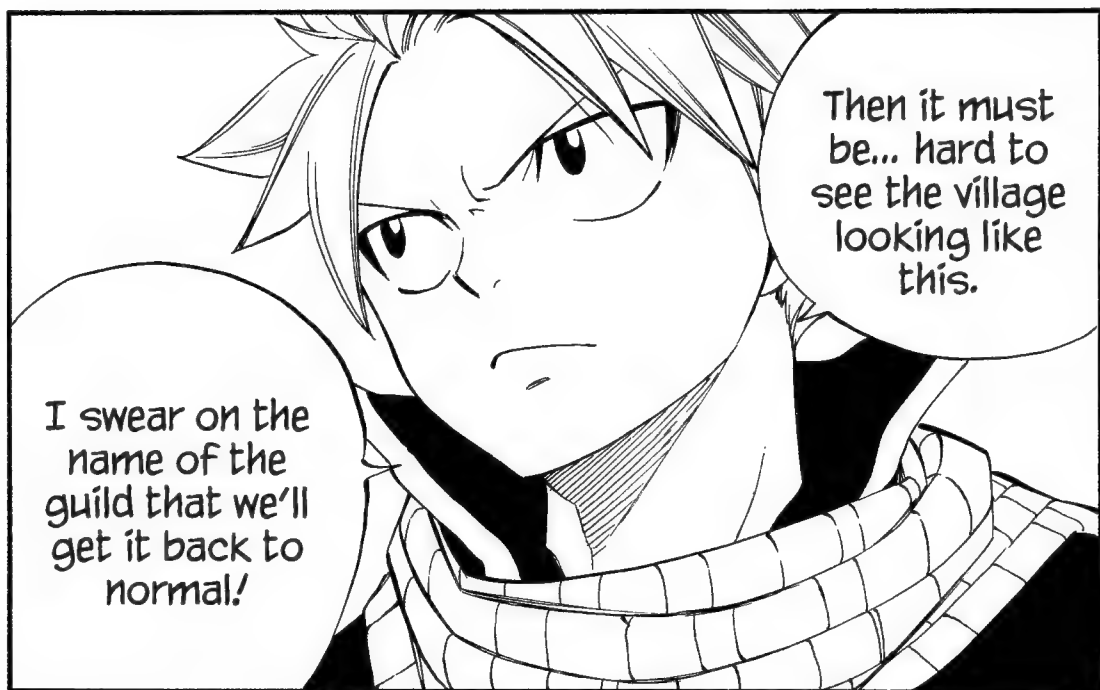
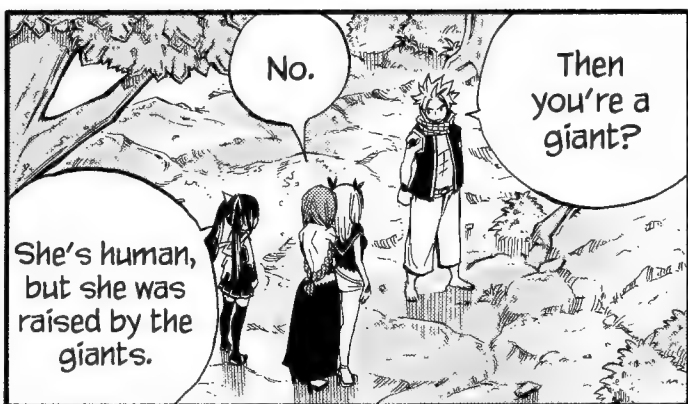
LAMIA SCALE	
Name: Lyon Vastia	Age: 26
Magic: Ice Make Magic	
Likes: Ur	Dislikes: Gray

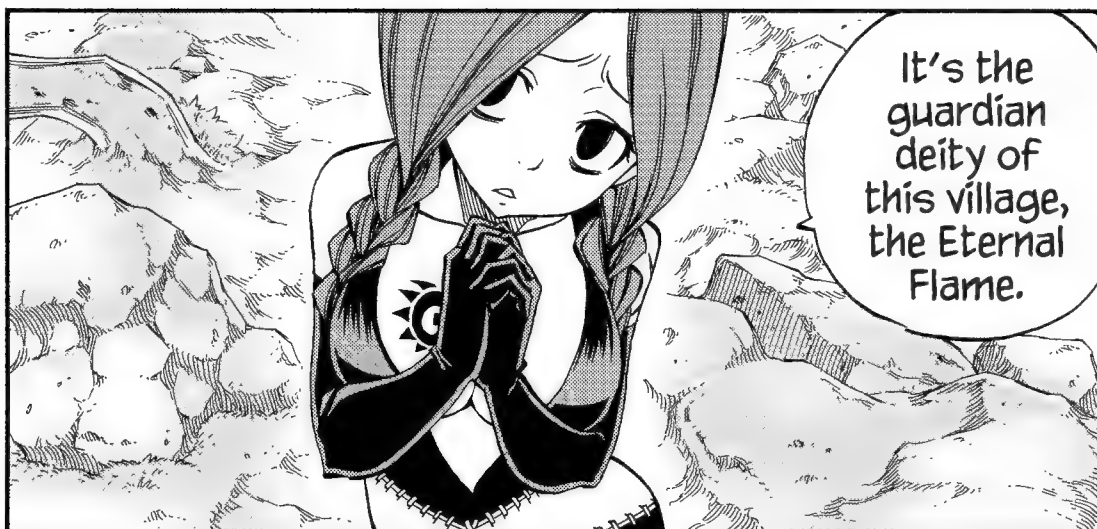
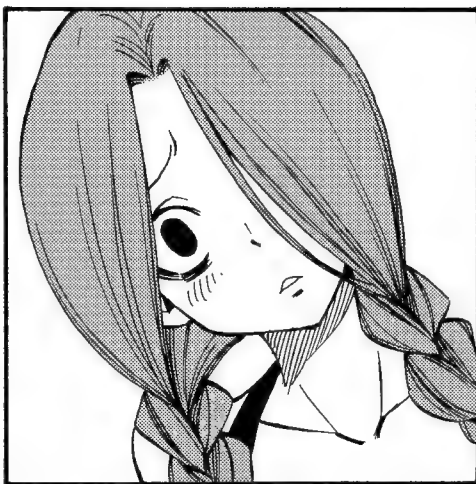
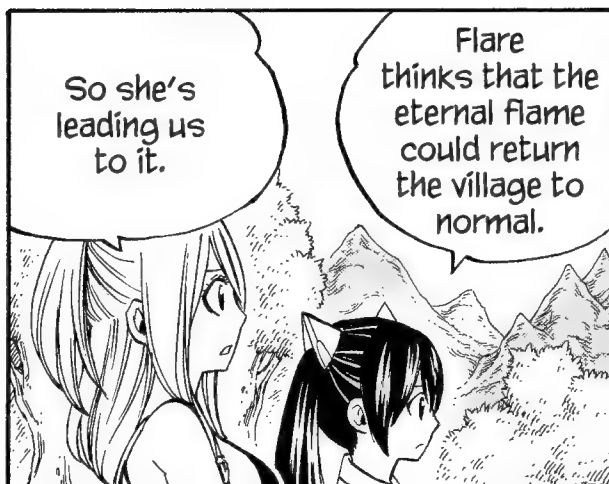


Remarks

He's gotten quite powerful over the last seven years, and now he's famous as a top wizard, standing alongside the likes of Jura. After the Fairy Tail members returned from Sirius Island, he fell in love with Juvia at first sight, and it was only at the end of the Grand Magic Games that he finally realized Juvia's feelings and stopped vying for her attention. Those around him were shocked by his aggressiveness towards a woman.





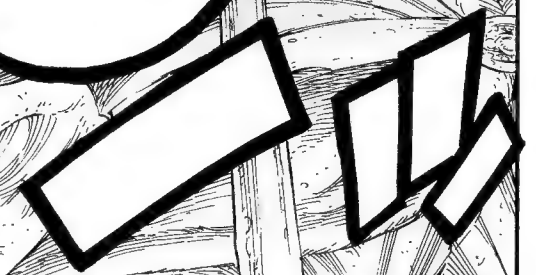
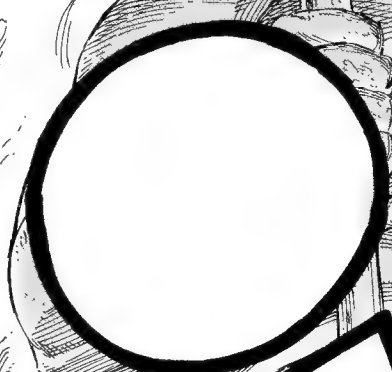


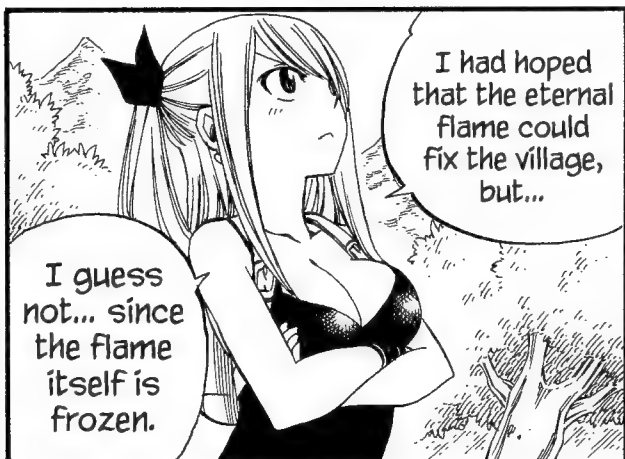
DOOM

**This is
the Eternal
Flame.**

Wha?!

?!!!









I may be able to... melt this ice!



I can't go wasting my magic power like that right now!

Why don't you just take it out, Gray?!

Huh?

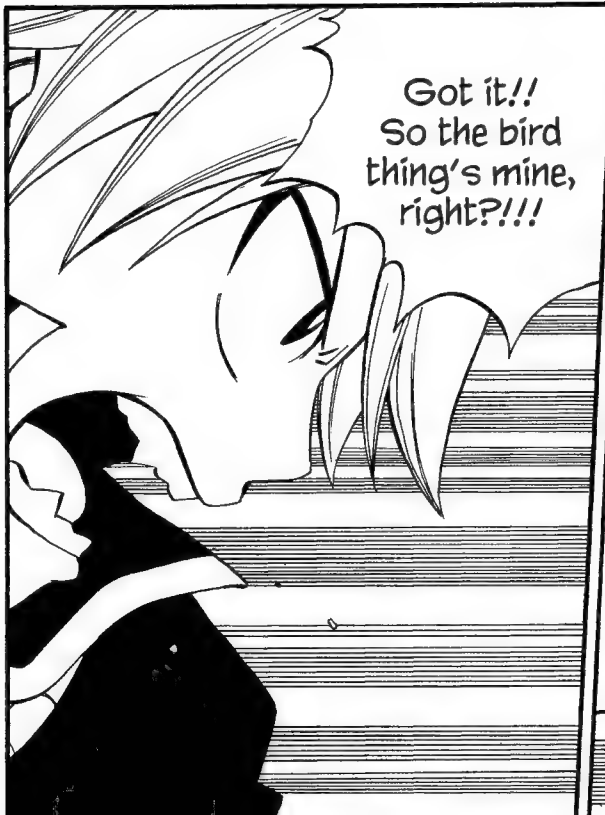


Forget that!! You can melt the ice?!!

Hey... Ain't she from Raven?



Really?



Got it!! So the bird thing's mine, right?!!!



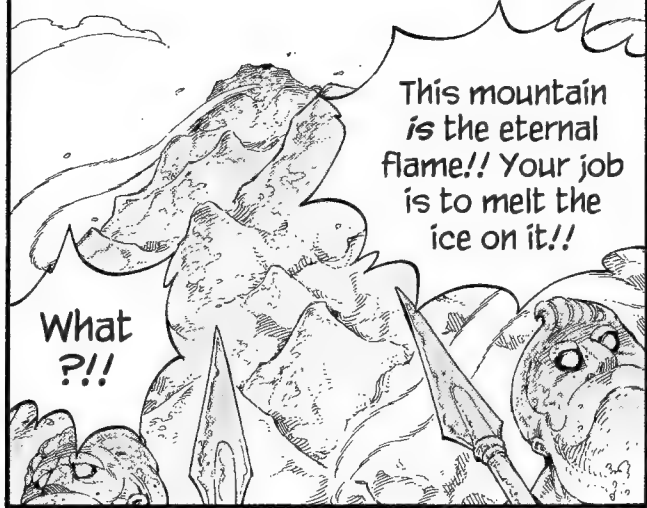
I don't know for sure, but...

I can try!! I'll do what I can!!!



Yeah
!!!

Can you
do it?!!



This mountain
is the eternal
flame!! Your job
is to melt the
ice on it!!

What
?!!



Go for
it!!!!

Gray
!!

Natsu
!!

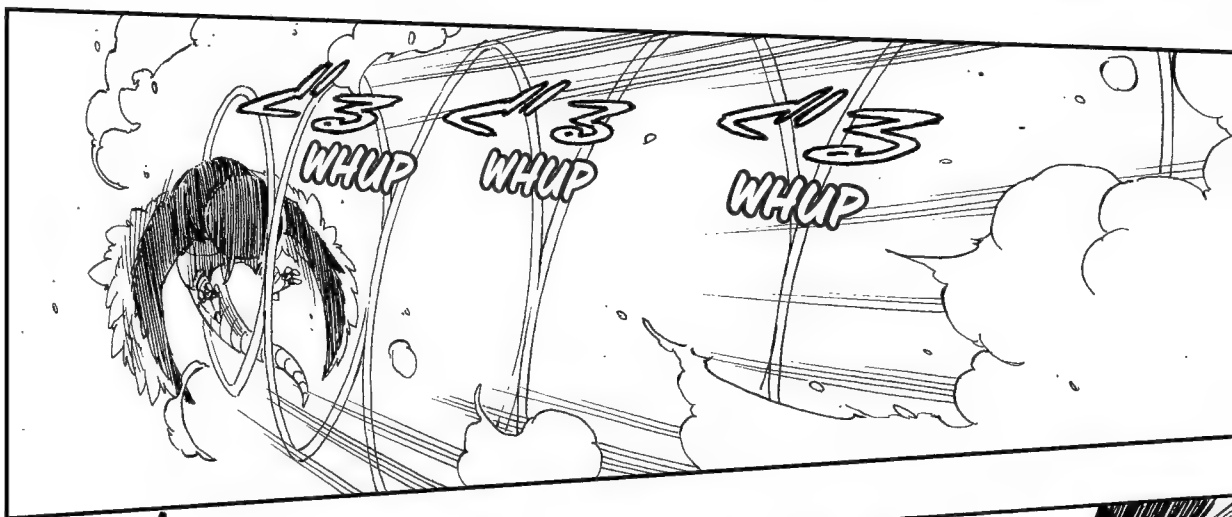


HA
YA
AA
HH

!!

KA

BOOM





Get that
eternal
flame going
again!!!!



Natsu
!!



I'm
fine!! The
ice...

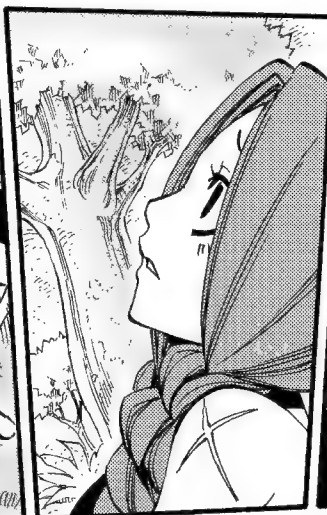
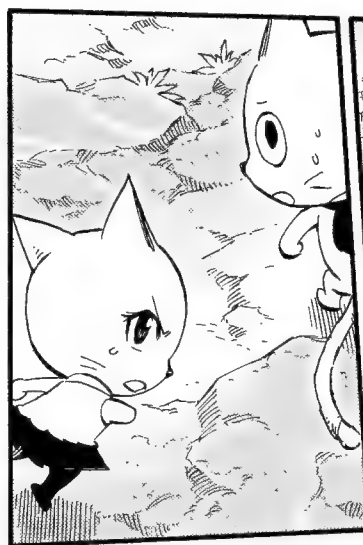
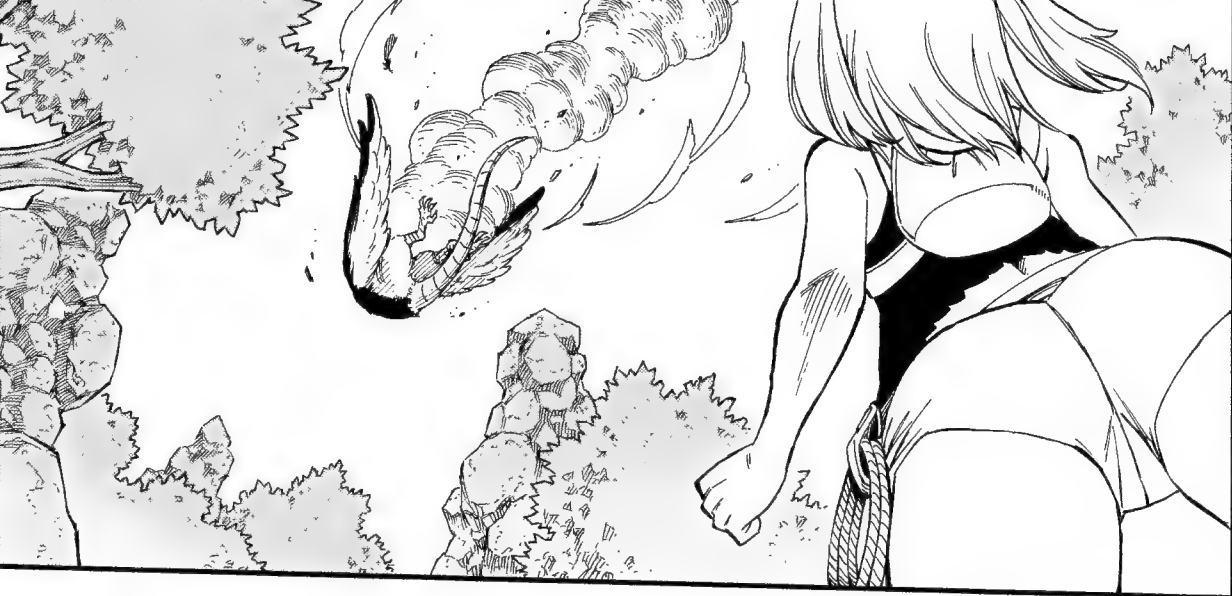


UWAA
AHHH

**It's
gonna
save the
village
!!!!**



WHAM





I *have* been able to make it pass through my body!

Maybe it's 'cause we have the ice thing in common.

I don't know what's the deal with the ice in this village!

I haven't been able to control it or melt it, but...



I'm going to make it into ice my magic can use!!!

ICE MAKE!!!



What do you do with it after?

You got its magic to pass through your body?



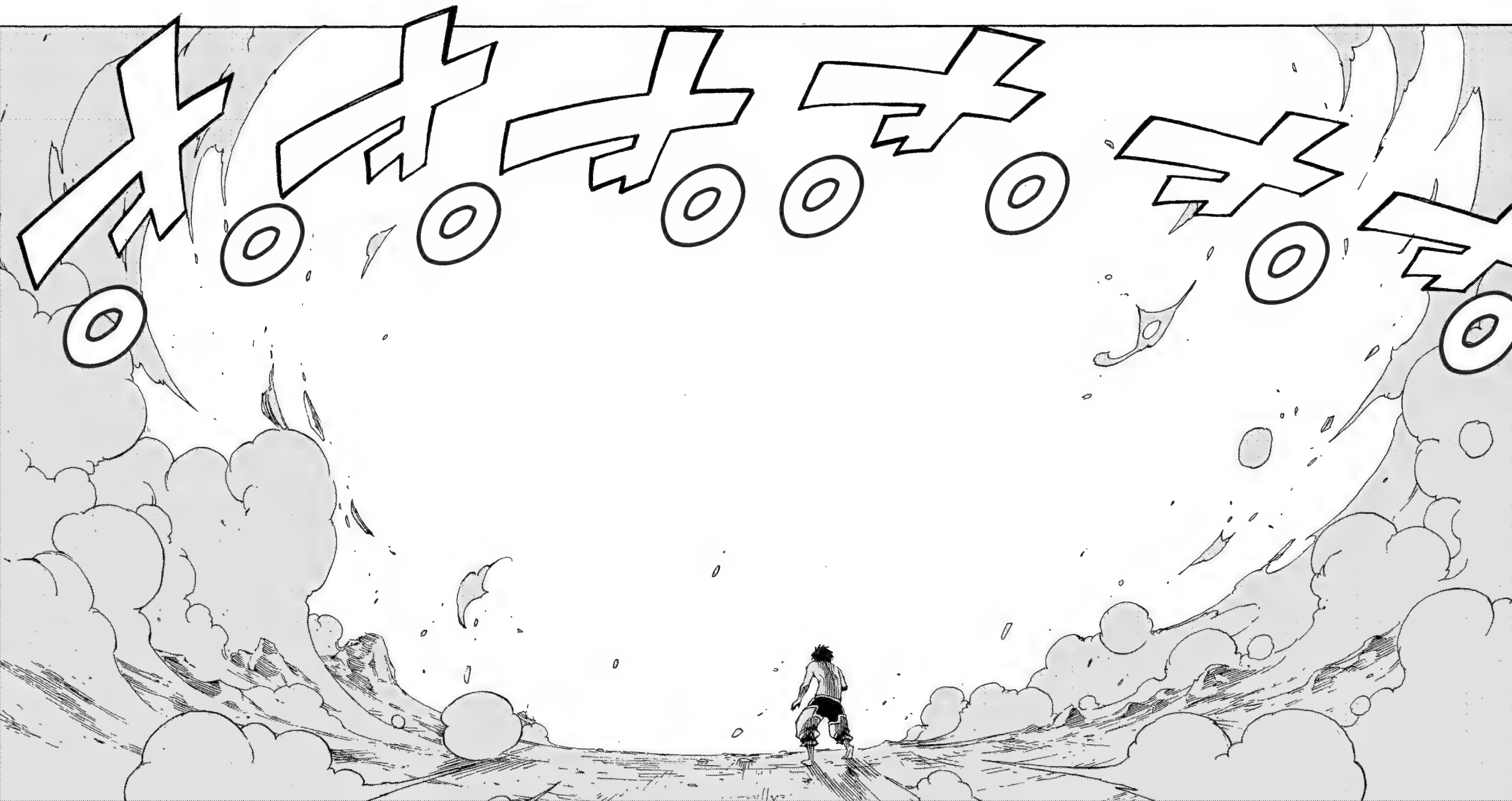
First, I'll try it on this mountain... I'm gonna melt it down to the eternal flame!!

I don't know if I can or not!! So I won't try it on the giants until after!!



Incredible... You can do that...?







What the...



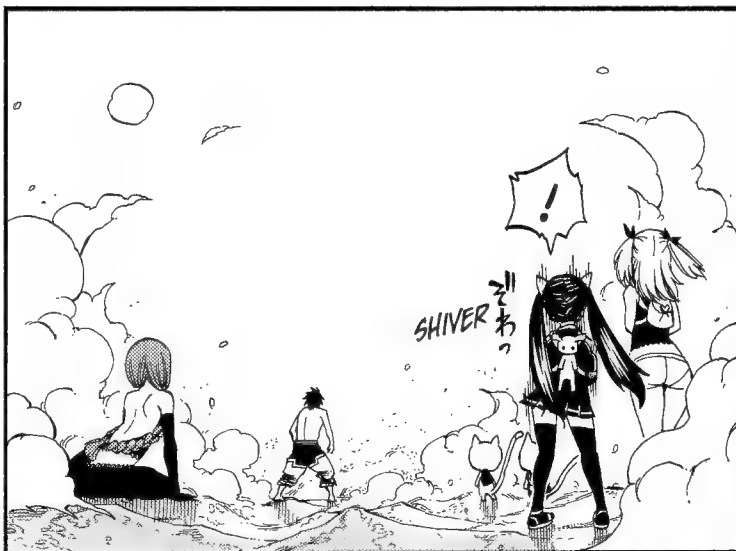
...isn't there...

The flame...



What does this mean?!

Huh...?



SHIVER ぞあ?



No...

SLUMP ぽ



SHIVER ぞ

This magic power...

What... is this feeling...?!


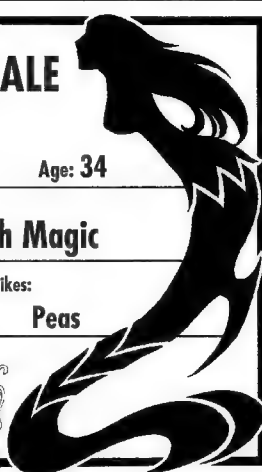
SHIVER ぞ

FAIRY TAIL

Chapter 352: Voice of the Flame

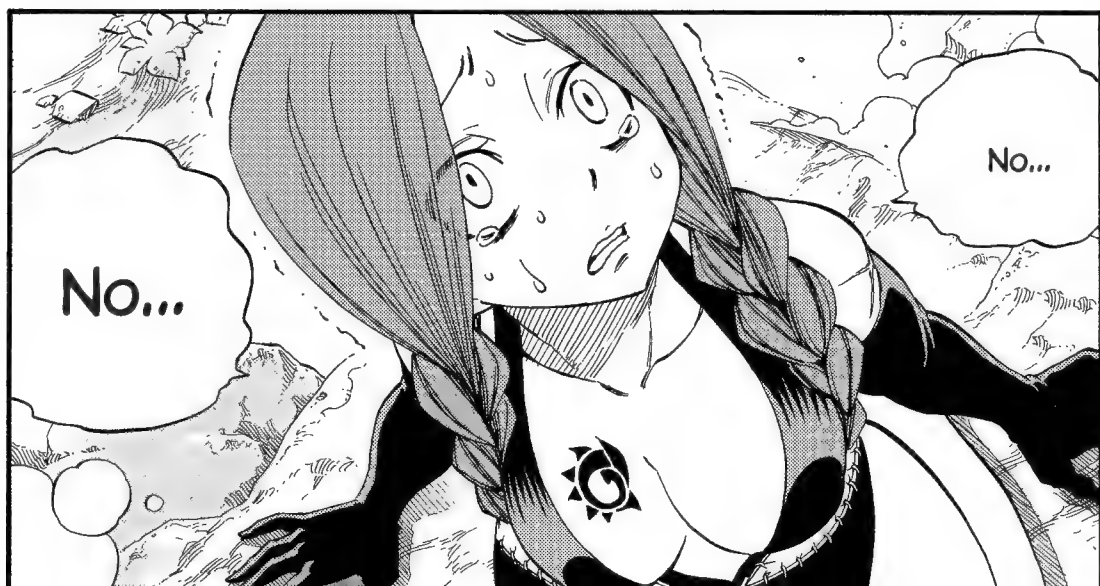
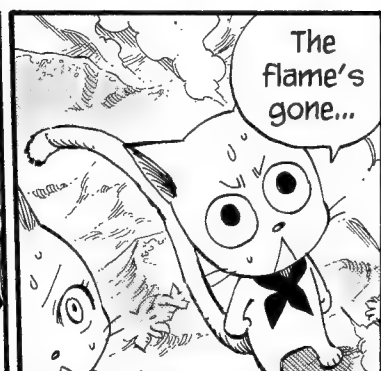
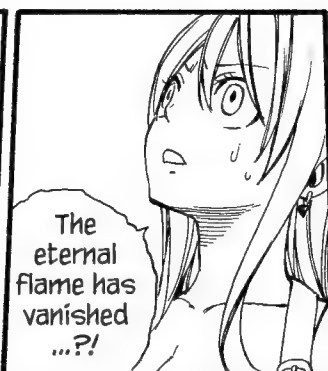


LAMIA SCALE	
Name: Jura Neekis	Age: 34
Magic: All kinds of Earth Magic	
Likes: The Guild	Dislikes: Peas



Remarks

He has been designated a wizard saint, an honor bestowed on the ten top wizards on the continent. Over the past seven years, he moved up in rank from last to fifth among them. He was defeated in the Grand Magic Games by a young man named Laxus, but simply found that refreshing. After the Grand Magic Games, some members of the Council voiced the opinion that the wizard who defeated Jura should be made a wizard saint, but due to Laxus's history of attitude problems, his designation has been put on hold.



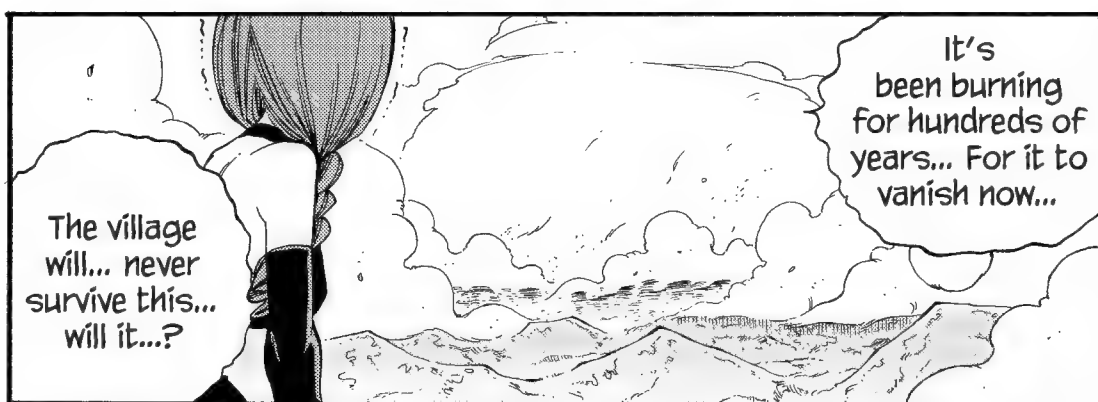


No,
maybe...
I messed
up...

There's no
way... we
can melt
the giants
now...



So the moment
it was frozen,
its fire was
extinguished?

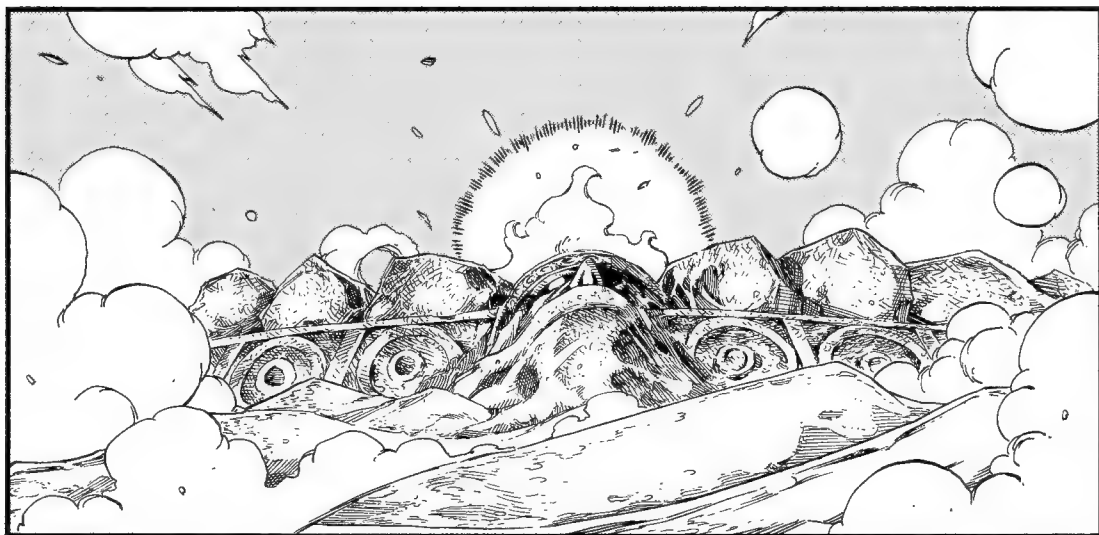


The village
will... never
survive this...
will it...?

It's
been burning
for hundreds of
years... For it to
vanish now...



**It's not
gone!!!!**





Natsu's
fire...

Natsu's
fire could
bring it
back to full
strength!!



But it
looks very
weak!

There's a
really tiny
flame left
there.



You
mean
pink-
hair?

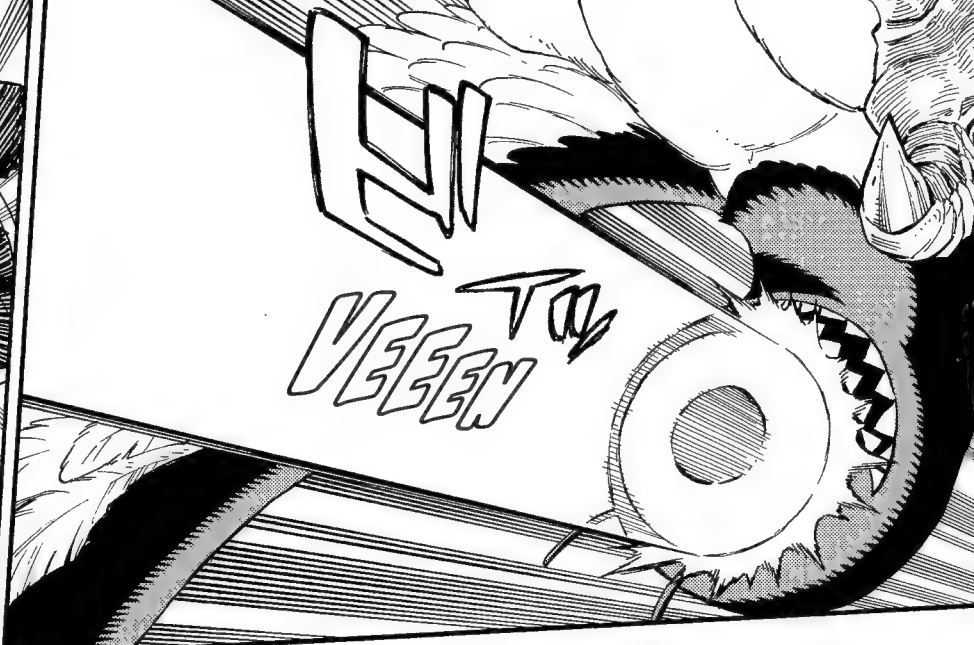


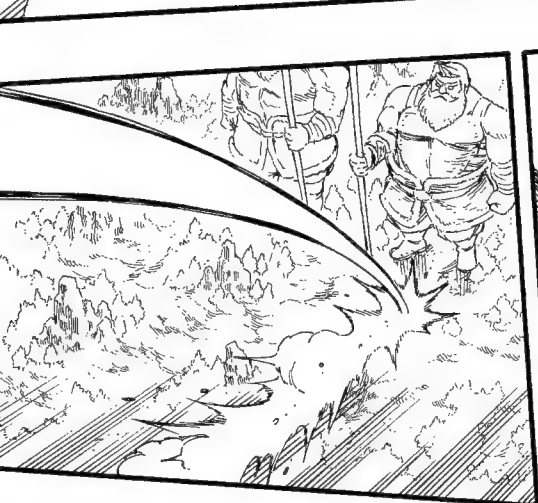
Oh,
yeah...



**Natsu
!!!!**



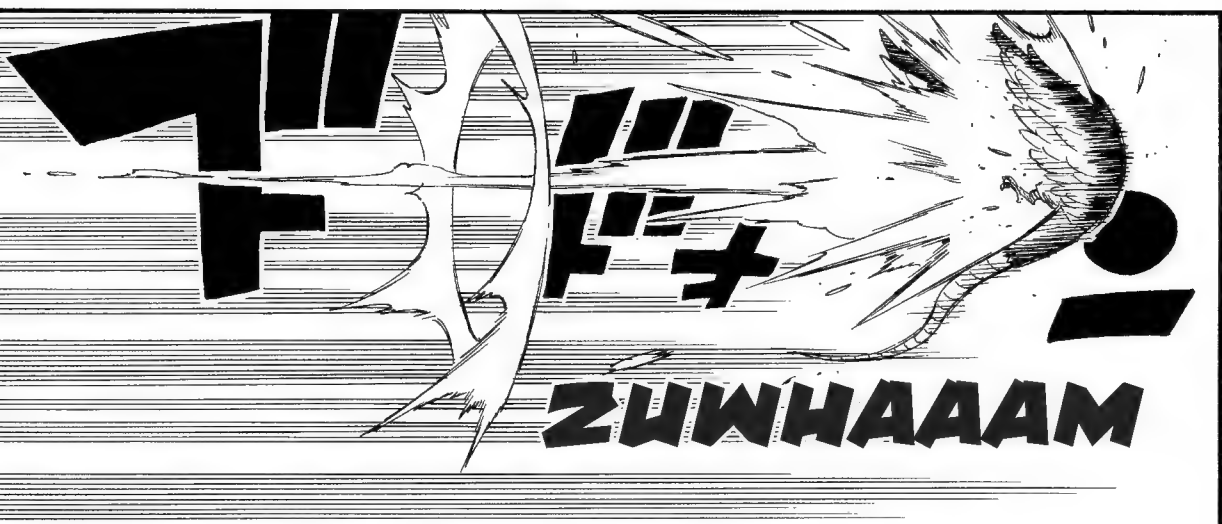
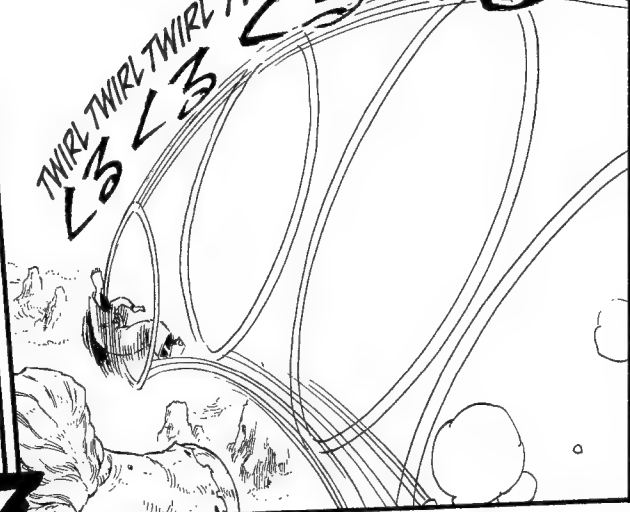








I gotta
borrow
your head,
mister!!!





KARYŪ
NO*...

*Fire Dragon's **Gleaming Flame

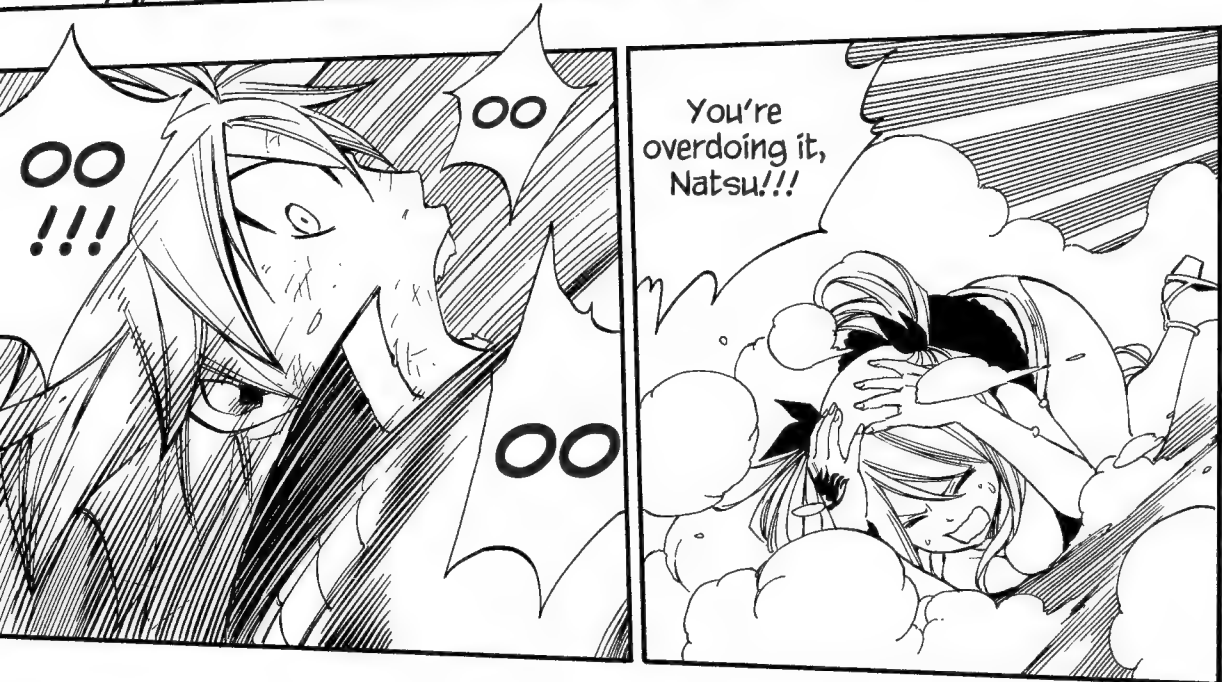
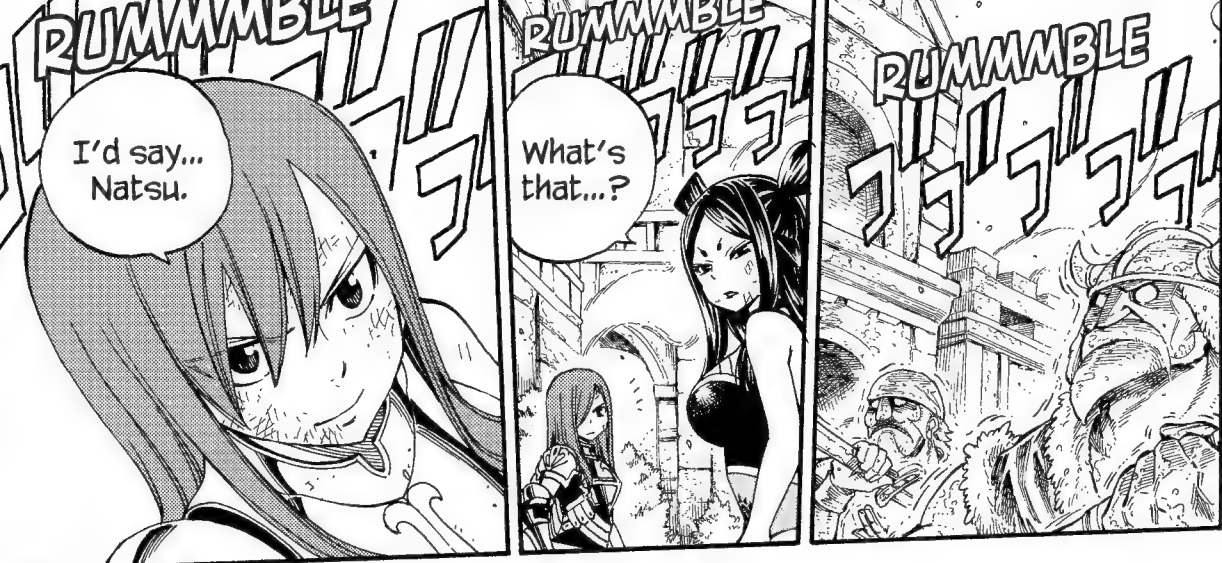


GHWO.OHH



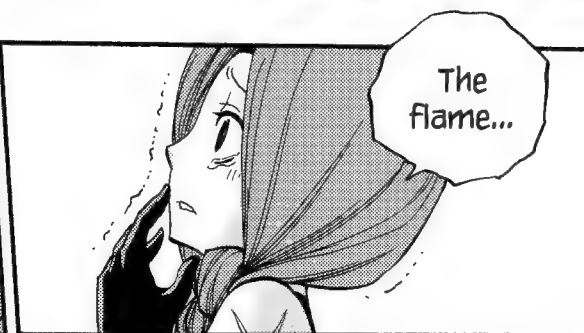
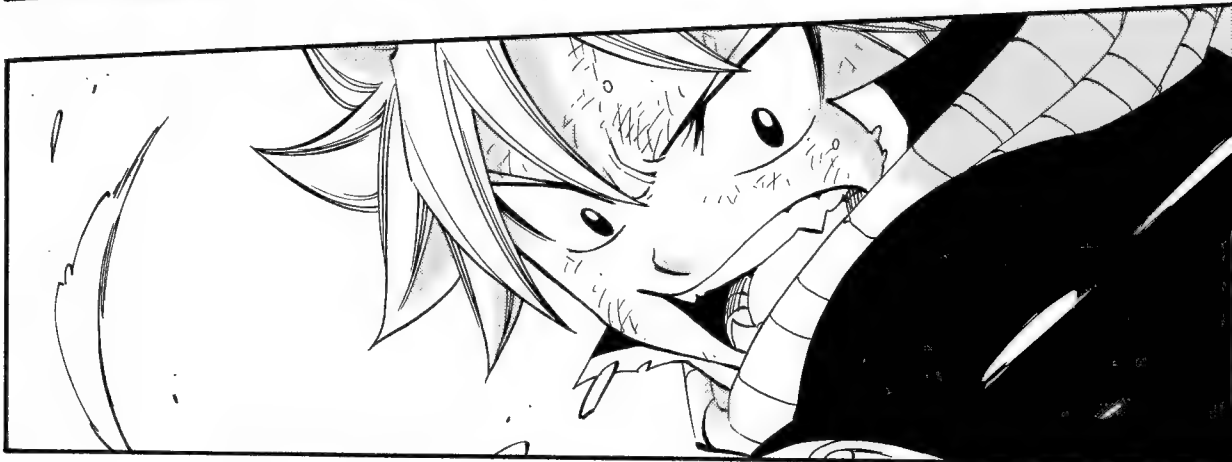
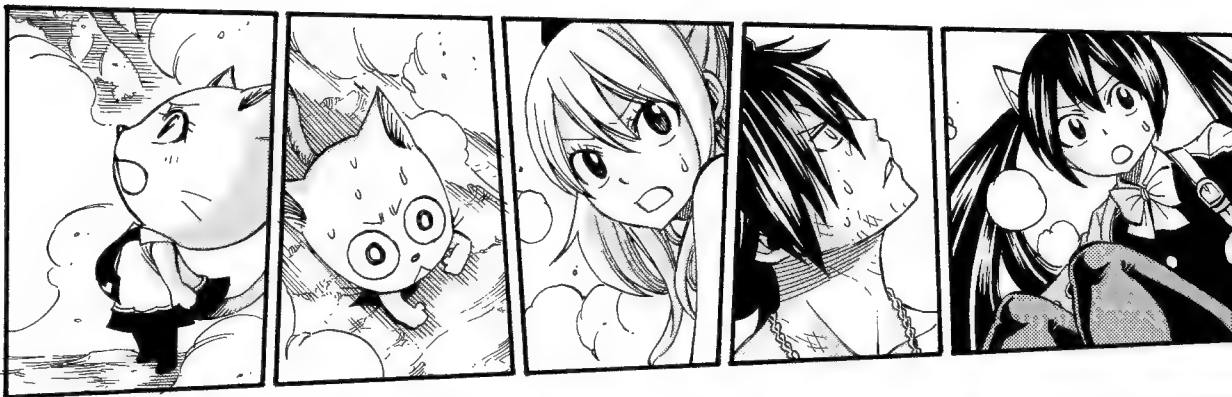
...
KÔEN**
!!!!








**GUREN
BAKUEN-
JIN!!!!***








Has it
been 400
years...?

Child of
Igneel...

FIRE DRAGON
ATLAS FLAME

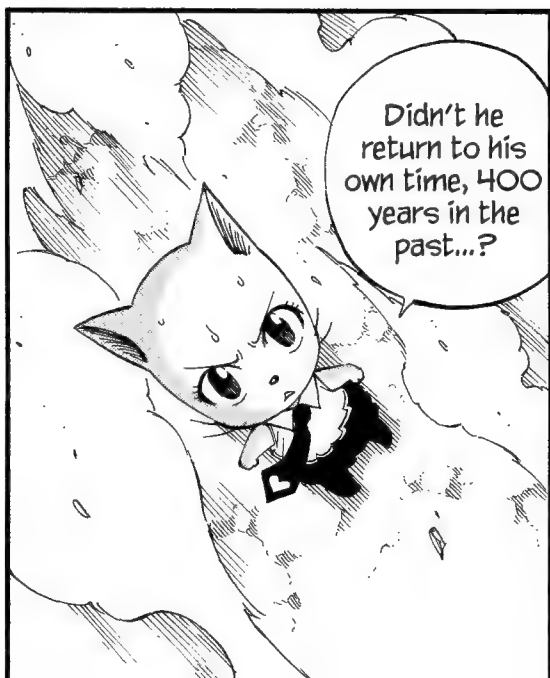
FAIRY TAIL



LAMIA SCALE	
Name: Sherria Blendy	Age: 15
Magic: Sky God Slayer Magic	
Likes: Love	Dislikes: Spicy foods
	

Remarks

Sherria is Sherry's cousin (daughter of Sherry's mother's little sister). Ever since Sherria was small, she always seemed to have more magic power than Sherry, and she even skipped some grades in her school of magic to graduate early. She taught herself god slayer magic from a book awarded her for academic excellence by the chairman of the Magic Council, Grand Doma. He never dreamed she would actually be able to put it into practice! She really likes Wendy, who she became friends with during the Grand Magic Games. They've gone out to have fun together (along with Carla) many times since.



Didn't he
return to his
own time, 400
years in the
past...?

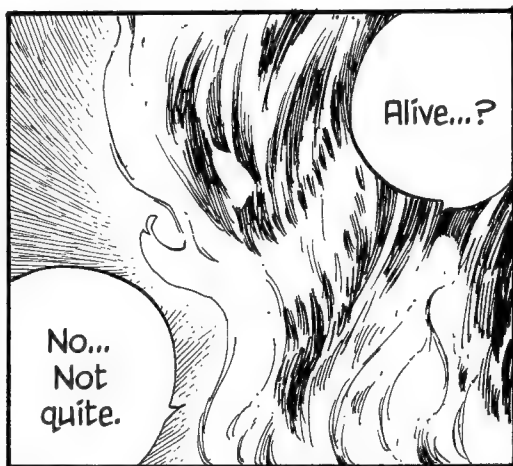
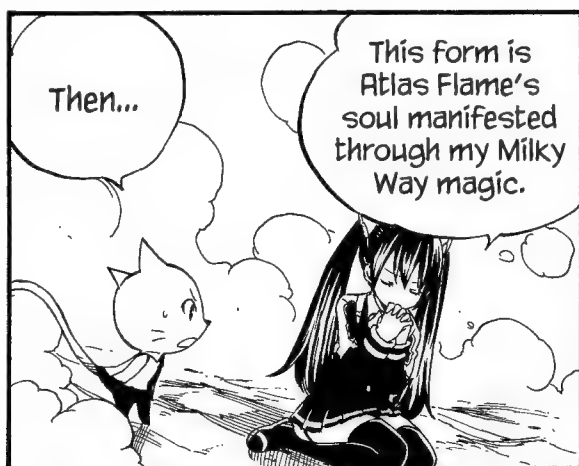


Huh?



One of the
dragons
who came
out of the
Eclipse
door!

That's...





Maybe it was the ice.

What's going on? Zirconis remembered everything clearly.



Pull it together, Mister!

I do remember you, child of Igneel.

Hmm... This place is...

I am...



And because he was frozen for a long time in this magic ice, a portion of his memory was damaged...

It takes a very strong will for one's presence to persist after death, but it is very weak magic.



You're talking about this village, right, Mister?

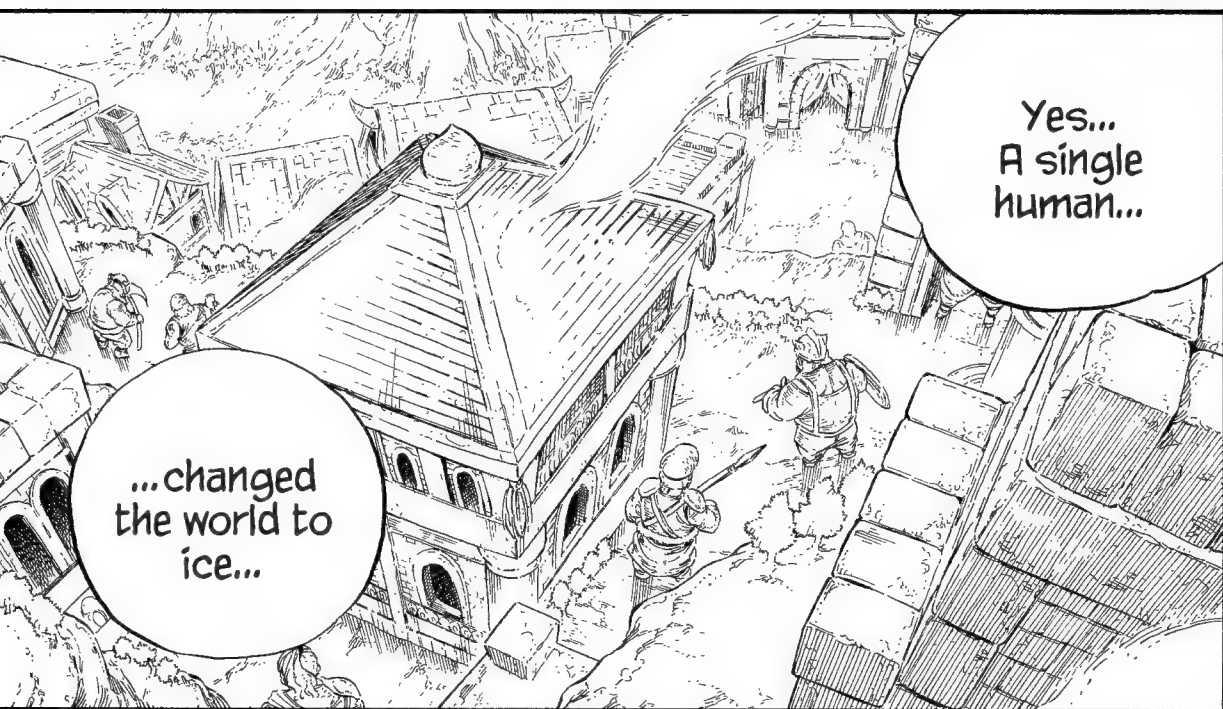
The world... covered in ice!



Ice...

Hmm...

It was ice...





Wh—Why
would
anybody
do that...

One man's
magic was
enough to
do this to
the entire
village?!



This was
the work
of an ice
wizard?!



He froze
the village
to eliminate
me...

That man...
thought I...
was evil...



**A devil
slayer...**

**A
wizard who
exorcizes
evil...**



It's the first time I've ever heard of that kind of magic!

Is it magic to destroy demons?



Not a dragon slayer or a god slayer, but a wizard with *devil-slaying* magic?



Devil slayer?!!



I see now!!

So that's why the ice of the village worked on that guy!!!



I do not remember ...

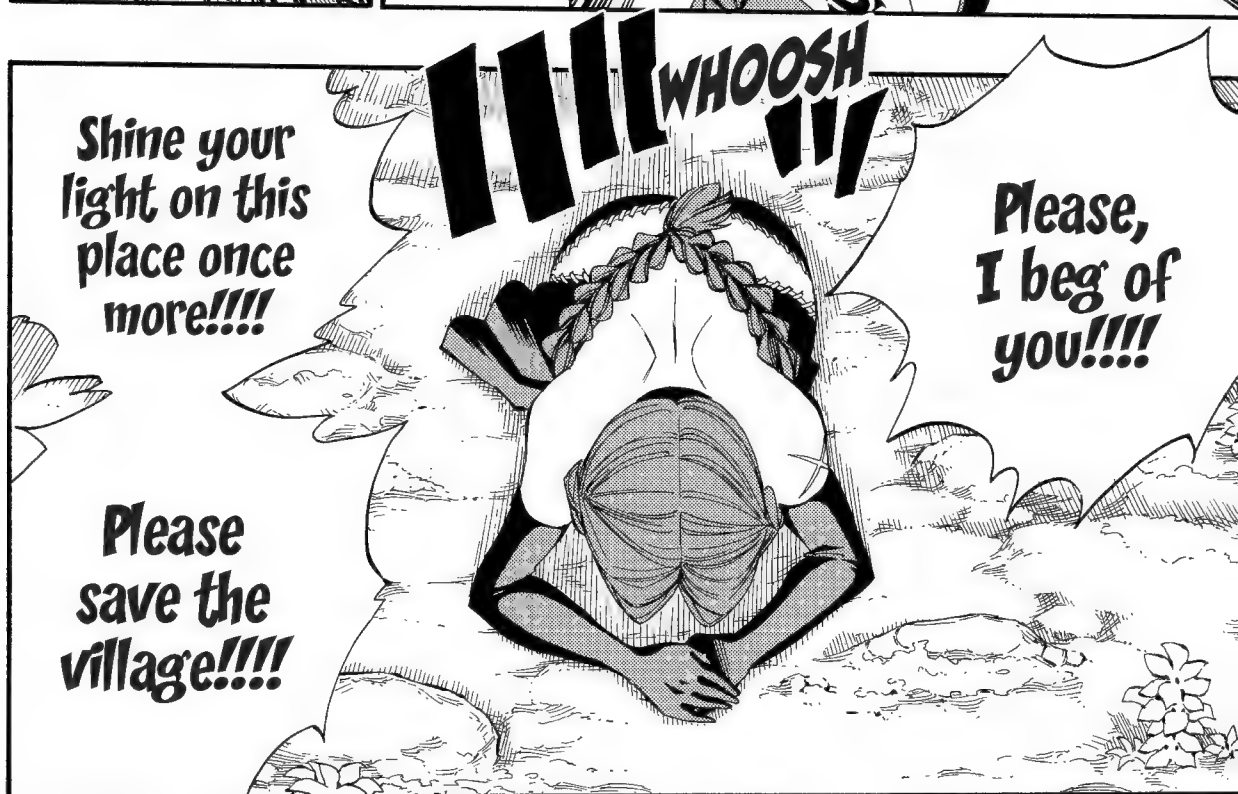
Grr...

Just what... was I...



An ice devil slayer!

But who?!!





I made
this
village!

Good!!
You're
remember-
ing!



I am...

I remem-
ber...

I am the
Fire of the
Giants,
Atlas
Flame!



Using the last
traces of my
soul combined
with the fires
of the child of
Igneel...

When my
village is
unhappy, it
pains me...

When it feels
sorrow, I weep
with it...

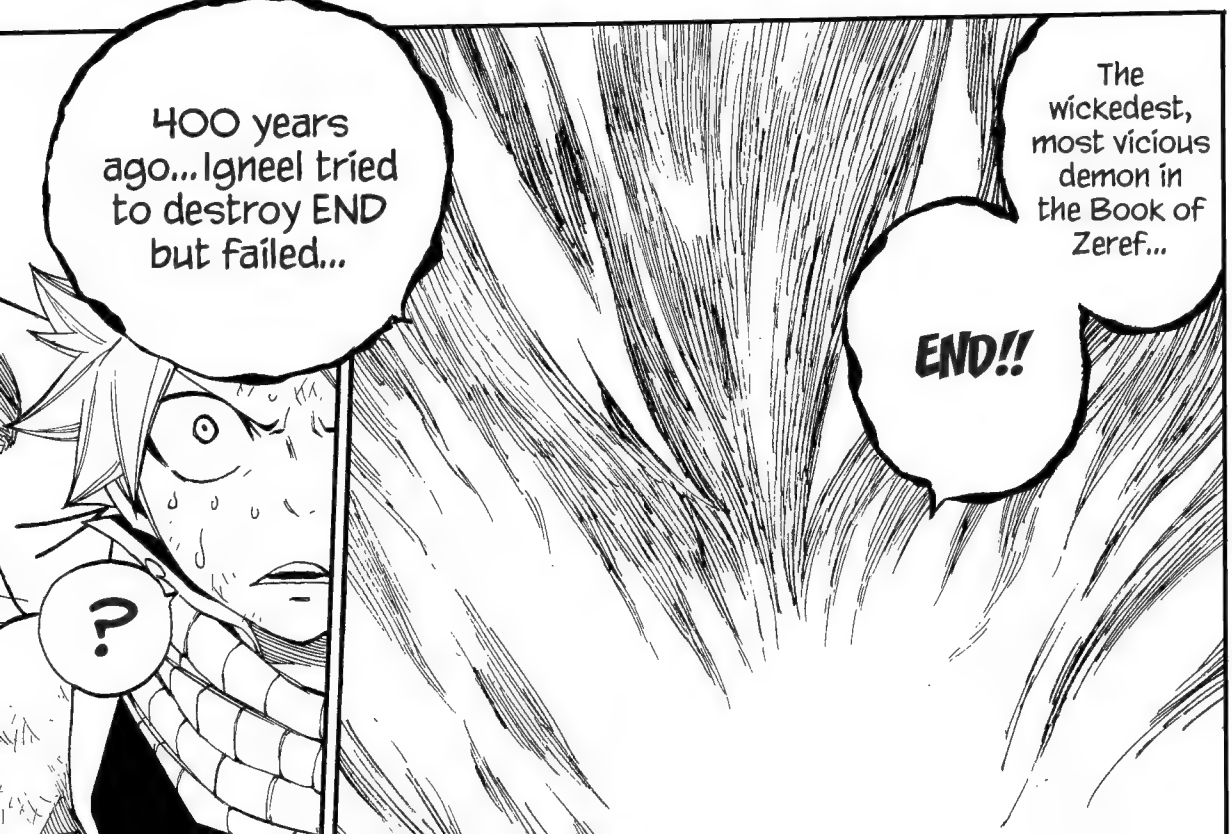
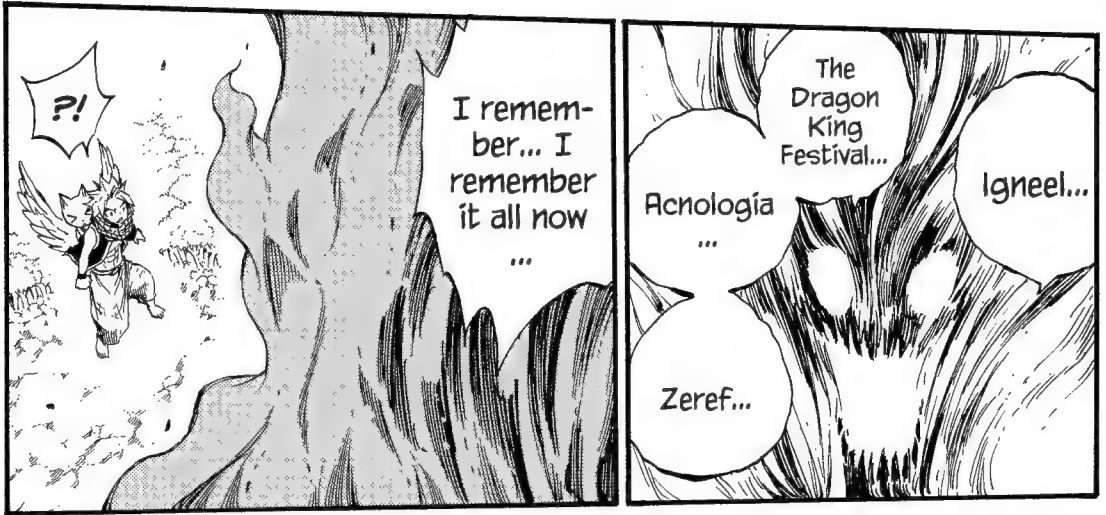


...I will set
this village
free...

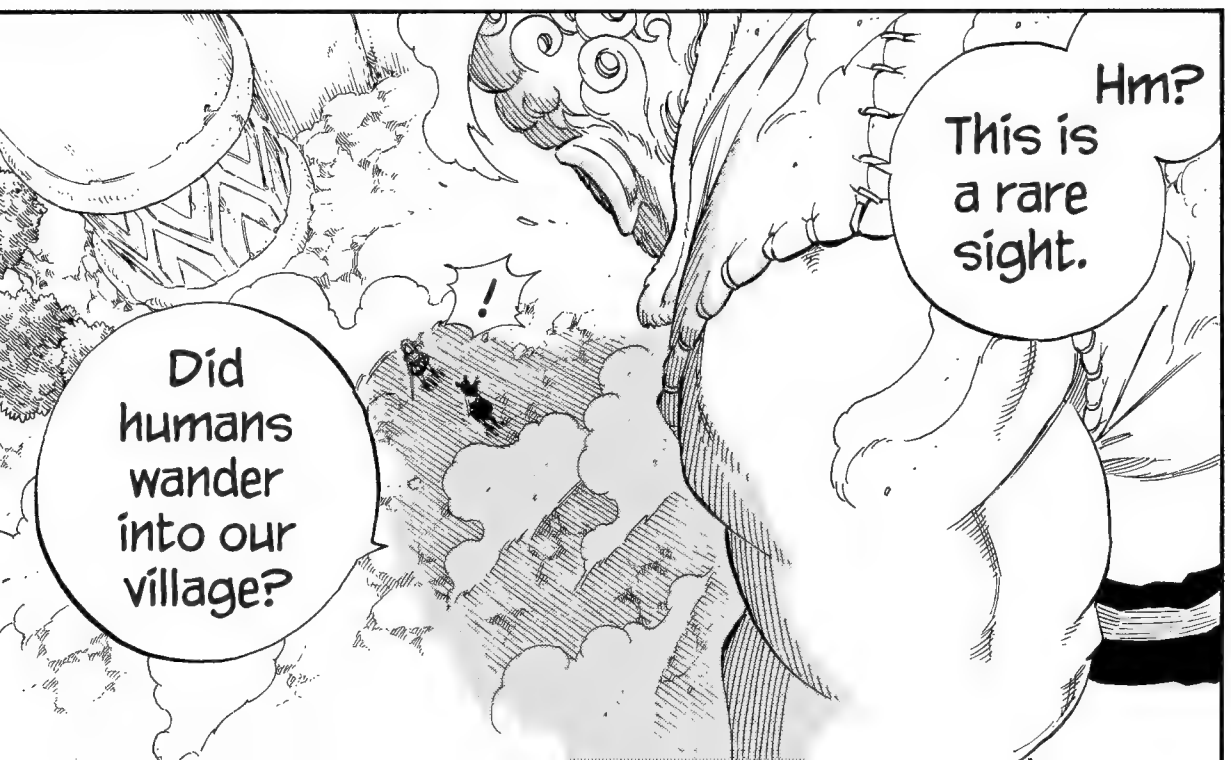
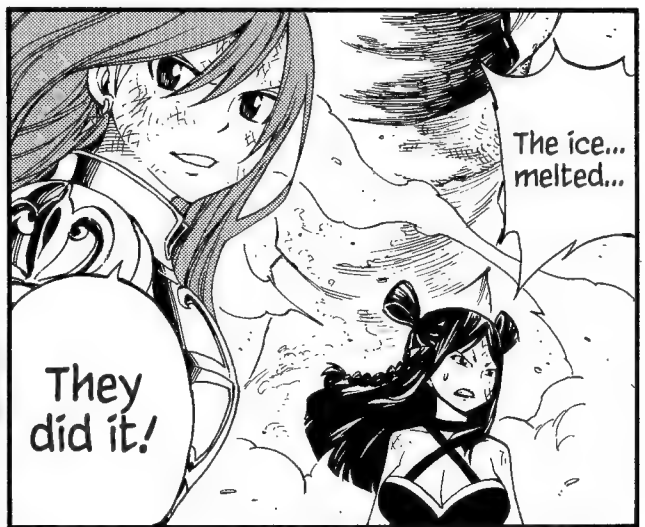
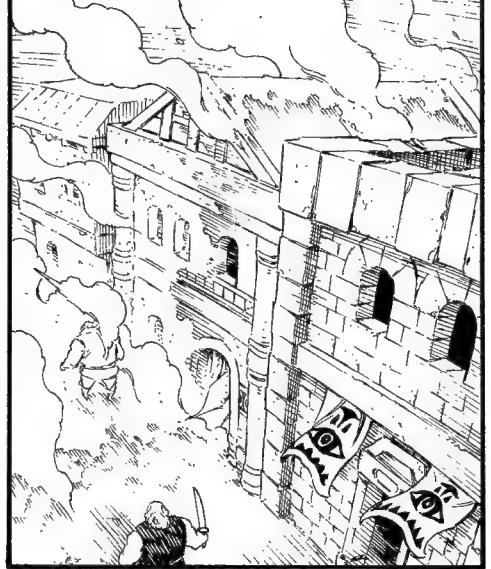


**My name
is the fire
dragon Atlas
Flame!**

**I am the
guardian
dragon of
this village
!!!**











You
and me!
On the
ultimate
stage!

We will
finish this
at another
time.

Minerva!

I suppose
this ends
it.

H!!
DMP



Don't let the
darkness taint
you!! I do not
think you are
that weak!!



Let it taint me?!
I will plunge the
entire *world* into
darkness!!



Ahh...



Mister
...



Yeah!

It's
back to
normal.



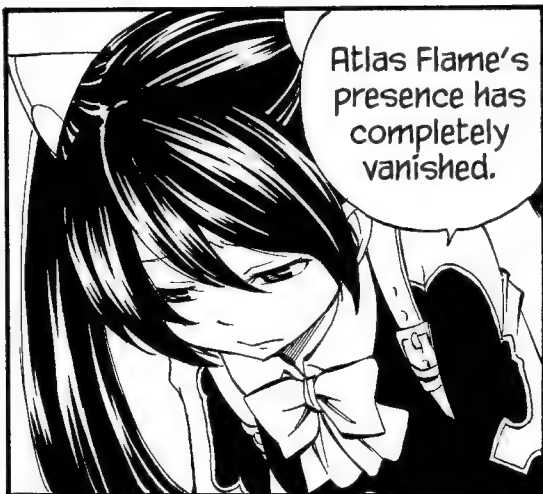
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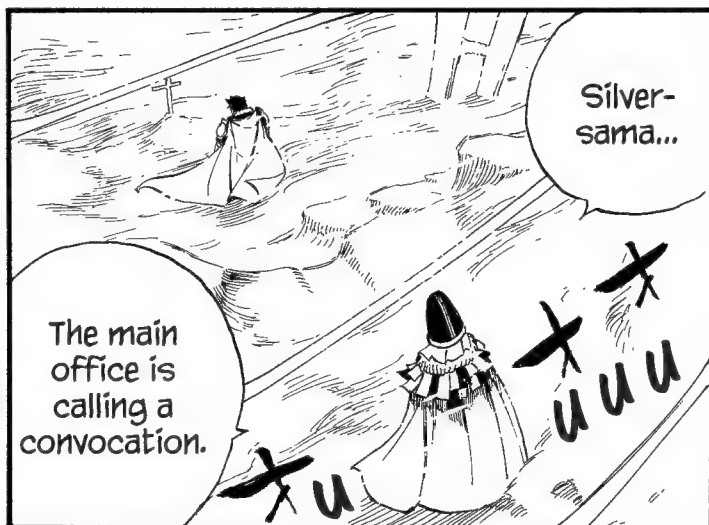



Look at the
village...



How
warm this
feels...







The only thing
I'm interested in
eating is demon
souls.

**ABSOLUTE
ZERO**



ONE OF THE NINE
DEMON GATES
OF TARTAROS
**ABSOLUTE ZERO
SILVER**

TO BE CONTINUED

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Afterword

Leaving off whether I'm good or bad, I love writing, and even dialog in a manga is, in some way, writing. And the Question Corner at the end of almost every book is nothing but writing. I'll also bet that I began this "Afterword" section out of my love of writing too, but recently with my "From the Author" comments at the beginning of the books, my margin comments in the magazine installments, and with the stupid number of tweets I do every day on my Twitter account, I've found recently a huge load of places to talk about things. And a lot of those are in pretty much real time! With all that, I've slowly begun to run out of things to put in my afterwords. This is a problem. Here in Volume 41, this whole story started with the idea that even though Erza is tiny, she's still strong! But if I did that, then people might come away with the idea that "Minerva sure has gotten weak these days," instead. So I dumped that idea and went with, "Even when tiny, Erza still keeps her eyes on the prize, and she even goes so far as to lecture people!" I also obsessed over giving Gray a featured spot considering he didn't get much to do during the Grand Magic Games, so his part in this series is a real standout.

By the way, Gray is slated to have a big part in the next arc too. That's the new series that starts in the next volume, and it's going to be another huge one. I said about the same thing before the Grand Magic Games started too, huh? (sweat) If the last series was a huge gathering of characters, this new series will be a huge gathering of different techniques. I've been building up manga-making techniques for fifteen years, and I'm going to use them to make this next series a really exciting one! Stay tuned!!

**Let us
begin!**

**Set
course
for the
Fairy
Island!**

**DARK GUILD
GRIMOIRE HEART
MASTER HADES**

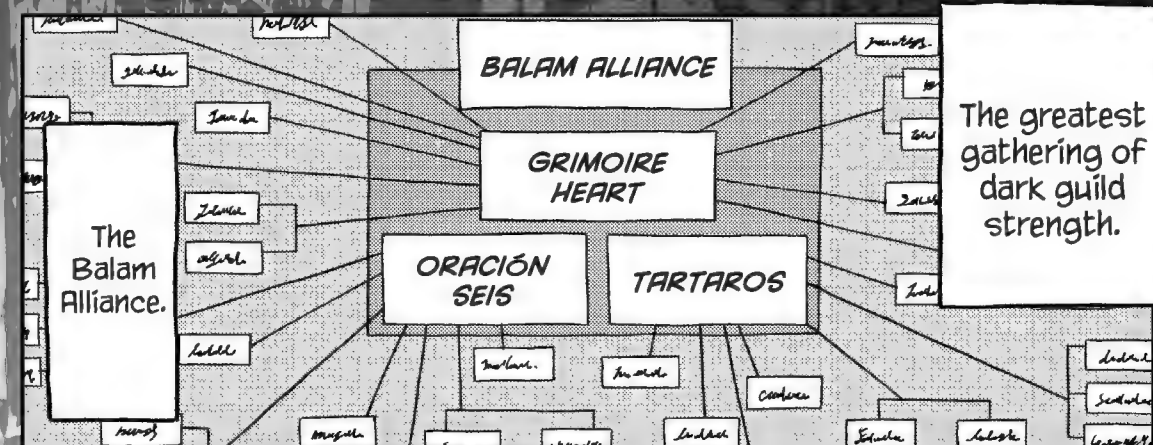
**We
demons will
bring down a
crushing blow on
humanity!!!**

Until that happens, you better not mess around with my memories.

**The gate to
the world of
the dead is
gonna open.**

THE FINAL CORNER OF THE BALAM ALLIANCE TRIANGLE, TARTAROS, HAS WRIGGLED OUT OF THE SLIME... AND ARE CLOSING IN, WORKING TOWARD A CALAMITY THAT WILL STUN THE WORLD!!

The greatest
gathering of
dark guild
strength.

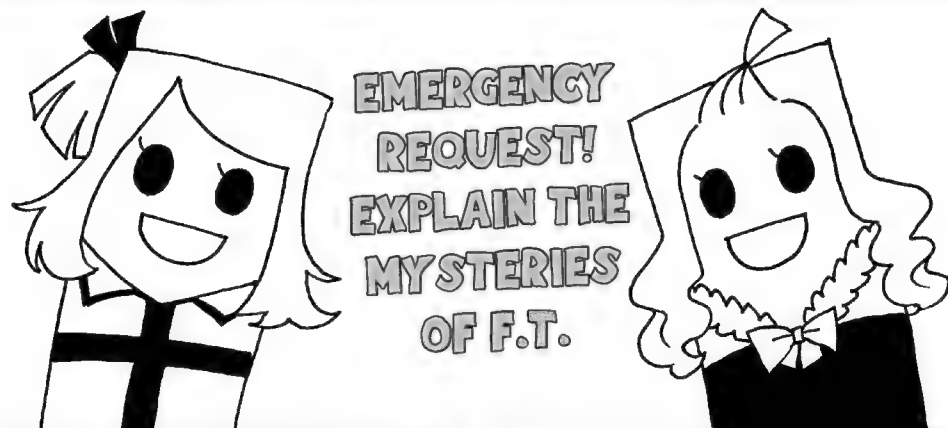


The greatest gathering of dark guild power in the form of three guilds, Oración Seis, Grimoire Heart, and Tartaros. Under the umbrella of those three guilds are a huge number of dark guilds who are subordinate to them.

Master: Zero. They tried to make use of the Hyper Reversal Magic of Nirvana to destroy the order of the world. The guilds of Fairy Tail, Blue Pegasus, Lamia Scale, and Cait Shelter formed a combined force that stopped them. One member, Cobra, is a poison dragon slayer (2nd Generation).

ORACIÓN SEIS






Somewhere in Magnolia...

Mira: WelcomeboysandgirlsIt'smeMira!

Lucy: ...

Mira: Hereweareatquestioncorner!

Lucy: What's with the fast talk?

 : Just a whim. I'm already tired of it, so we'll just move along.

 : O-Okay.

Mira: Now, our first question.

Is Warrod Human?



Lucy: Heh heh!

Mira: It's rude to laugh at him...
Ha ha ha!

Lucy: There are a whole lot of other suspicious people in this world aside from him, but yeah, I think he's human.

Mira: Probably human.

Lucy: Next question.


That thing that's kind of like Zeref's familiar. I'd like to know its name.



Mira: It's Obra.

Lucy: Wasn't that a member of Raven Tail?



 : Right. The human form was the puppet, and the little thing was the actual form of the creature.

 : Eh...?!!

Mira: Even the master of Raven Tail, Ivan, had no idea, and that's why he allowed Obra in.

Lucy: Come to think of it, I remember a decryption of the human form (at least we thought it was human) that said he had a tendency to suddenly stop moving.

Mira: SuddenlystoppingmovingThat's scary!

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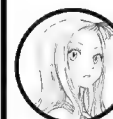
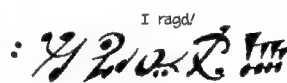
Lucy: Mira-san, there's that fast talk again!


Mira: Next question!

What is that mysterious language Minerva was using?



Lucy: I wanna know the answer to that!

 : *I ragd/* 

 : Aah! What did you just say?

 : "Be gone."

Lucy: What an awful thing to say!

Mira: I'm talking the language of Yakuma.

Lucy: Language of Yakuma?


Mira: A long time ago, there was a race called the Yakuma, and that was the language the clan used.



Lucy: The first master was really shocked and said something about the Yakuma Eighteen Battle Gods. Anything to do with that?



Mira: There were eighteen types of dangerous magics handed down through the Yakuma called the "Yakuma Eighteen Battle Gods." This was one of them.



 : "Yagd"... "Rigola"... Those are pretty hard to pronounce!


Mira: *Yagd*  *Rigola!!!!* 

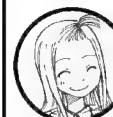
Lucy: Mira-san, that's amazing!!

Mira: Of course I can't use the magic. She was the first person I'd ever seen who could.

Lucy: Even the first master was shocked, huh?

Mira: Iwasshockedtoo.

 : For real this time. Why the fast talk?

 : Lucy, why don't you just give it a try yourself?

Lucy: Huh?

Mira: It's fun!

Lucy: O-Okay... Ahem. YoucancallmeLucy.

Mira: That's hard to read.

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GUILD d'ART

Whoa~! That's incredible!! How many characters are drawn here?! A hard job well done!

Yamagata Prefecture, Haruka Takano



Fukuoka Prefecture, Mai Kawamura



▲ I like how everyone else is in her bag.

Kanagawa Prefecture, Akanepi



▲ I love the Yukino character too. You'll see her again in the future!

Fukuoka Prefecture, Yoshiharu



▲ The strongest of Erza's present armor. It may just appear again!

Taiwan, Staber



▲ Cross-dressing Fried?! Huh? I-it looks good on him.

Okayama Prefecture, Yui Uzuka



▲ So in the end, will Rogue stay with the good guys or go to the dark side?

Nagano Prefecture, Fried Pudding



▲ Mavis in uncharacteristic Western fashion. Cute!!



Kyoto, Hand-made Croquettes

▲ I wonder where he is off traveling alone right now?

Tokyo, Kai Tama



▲ There are lots of people who say they're happy about the new anime! Thank you!

Hokkaido, Omega☆



▲ Now this is cute! I also like Happy and Carla here!

Shizuoka Prefecture, Piyorina



▲ She had a lot to do in the stories originally made for anime.

Aichi Prefecture, Shunta Suzuki



▲ Buy both big and small Natsu! They're a set!

Gunma Prefecture, Miina



▲ The Fairy Tail girls in the guys' clothes. Wait... Lucy?!

Yamagata Prefecture, Chokoron



▲ A coupling we don't usually see. But they're not bad together.

By sending in letters or postcards, you give us permission to give your name, address, postal code, and any other information you include to the artist as-is. Please keep that in mind.

REJECTION CORNER

This scares even me...! It's like the manga will be overrun by sketches!



Kyoto, Haruma Shibata

NEXT TIME

Very well! We will show the humans the power of the Underworld!

I'm Natsu of Fairy Tail!!!

Who're you?

The hell of the Nine Demon Gates of Tartaros!

Time to hunt some demons!!

...but we suspect they may have an extremely powerful demon of the Book of Zeref at their beck and call.



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フェアリーテイル

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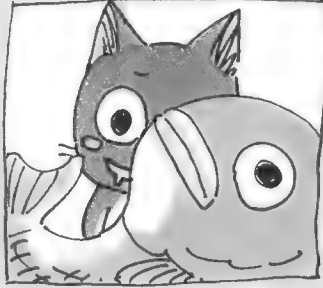


I WENT AND
MISPLACED THE
COVER... I'M SO
SORRY!

HIRO 真島ヒロ HASHIMA



FROM HIRO NASHIMA



I'm so busy that I'm getting dizzy.
But they say it's when a manga artist
is busy that he or she is happiest.
When one of us is **not** busy, we get
so lonely we cry and wail. And I hope
to always be a manga artist, so I'm
going to work really hard so that I
can complain, "I'm too busy," all the
time!

Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Page 42, Blue-black

Jet-black hair is often called "blue-black" in the West because the highlights (reflections of light) look almost like a very dark blue. That idea has been reflected in American comic books, where the hair is mostly blacked in, but again, the highlights are colored blue. Japanese manga artists do the same thing with hair, and Wendy's hair is a good example of "blue-black" hair.



Page 48, Ebi

As mentioned in the notes way back in Volume 2, there is a habit of some manga characters to end their sentences with an identifiable-but-basically-meaningless word. Cats might end their sentences with "nya" (the sound of a cat's meow in Japanese). Crab characters may end their sentences with "kani" (the Japanese word for "crab"). So it was a surprise to the regular characters when Cancer the crab ended his sentences with "ebi" (the Japanese word for "shrimp").



Page 90, Shaved ice

Although shaved ice (also called snowcones) is a summertime treat in the West, it is particularly popular in Japan, with many different types of topping aside from the sweet, fruit-flavored syrups available in the west. Uni (sea bream), for example, is considered a real shaved-ice luxury topping. On the other hand, shaved ice on the top of a dark wizards (or demon's) head would not be very appetizing in either culture.



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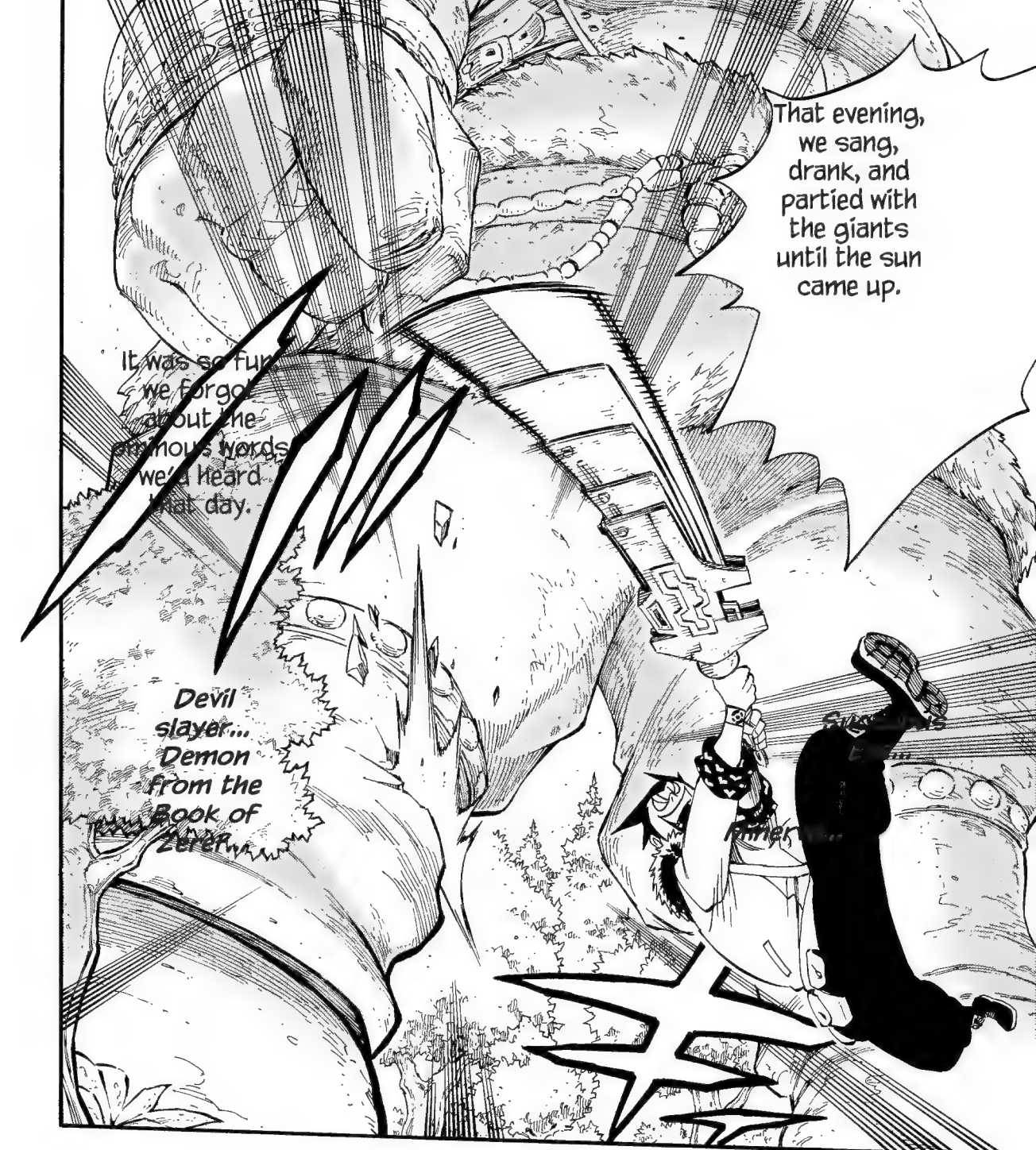
This isn't a Japanese word for an ending, but rather the English initials E, N, and D written (even in the Japanese version) in English letters. It's meant to be read out, like "ee en dee."



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we sang,
drank, and
partied with
the giants
until the sun
came up.

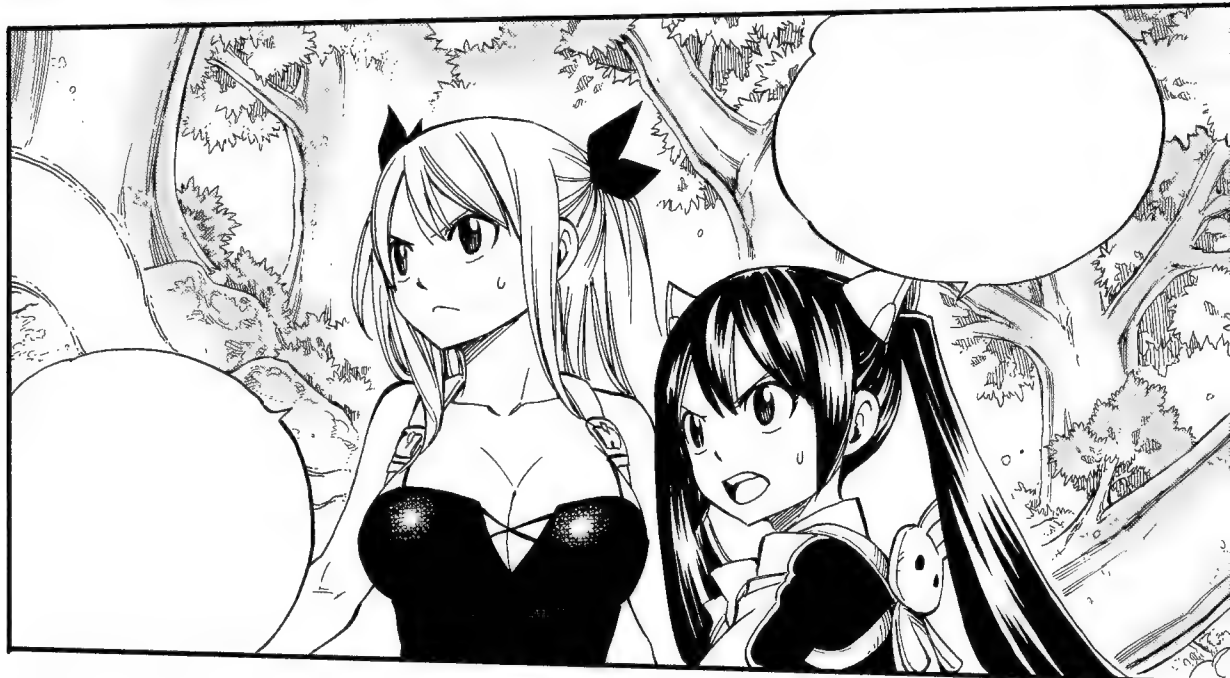
It was so fun
we forgot
about the
ominous words
we'd heard
that day.

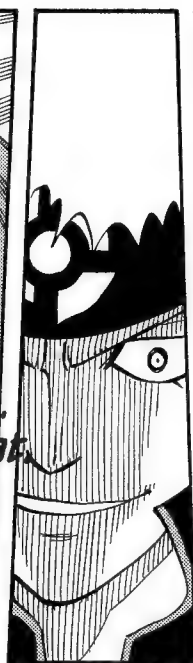
Devil
slayer...
Demon
from the
Book of
Zerger...



...and
Tartaros...





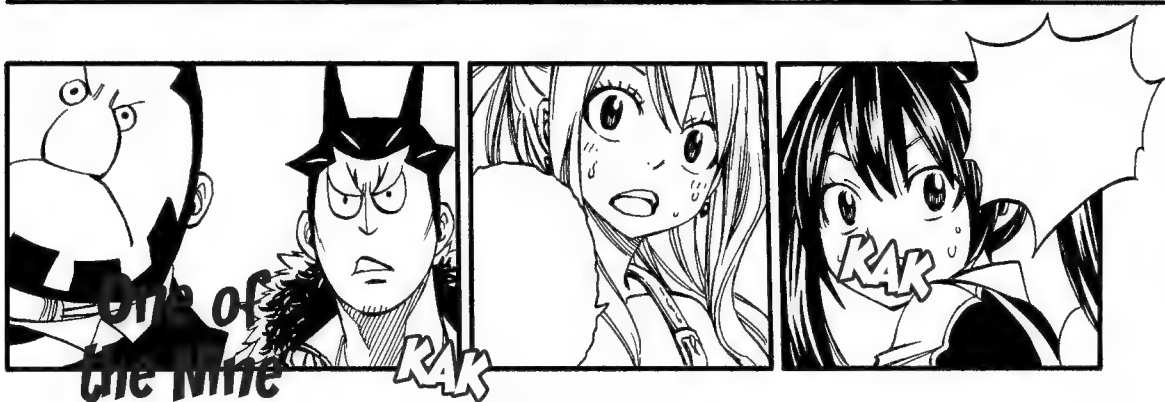




≡
≡
≡
This one
is Kyôka.

RUUUM!

WUMBLE



One of
the Nine

KAK

KAK



Demon
Gates of
Tartaros.

DEMON GATE
OF TARTAROS

GODDESS OF THE
SLAVE PLANET

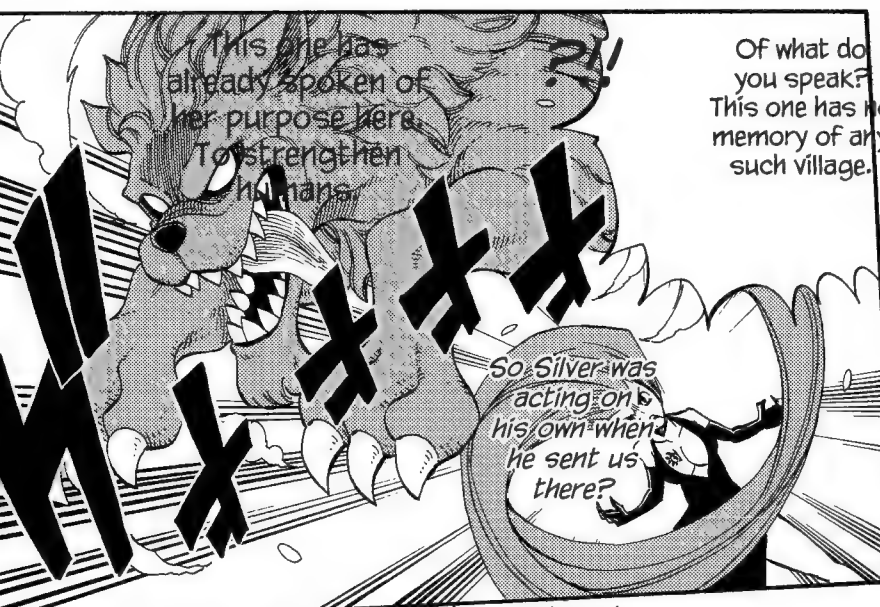
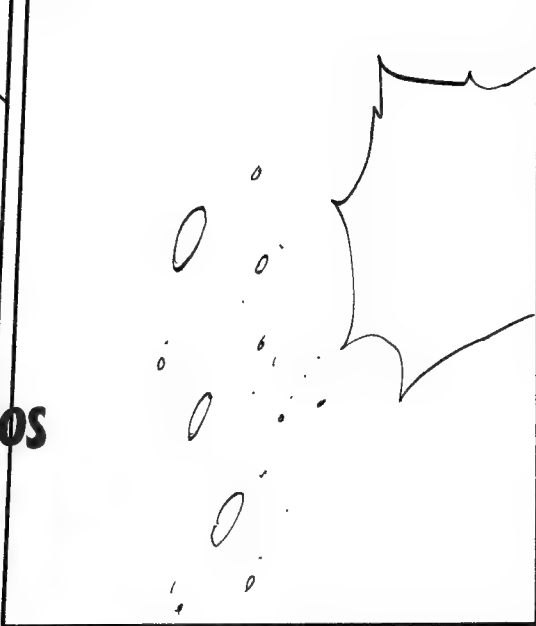
KYÔKA



It can't be...

...that news of our failure to protect the village has already reached them?!!

TARTAROS



This one has already spoken of her purpose here. To strengthen humans.

Of what do you speak? This one has no memory of any such village.

So Silver was acting on his own when he sent us there?



You would take such drastic action over the loss of a single village?



Those unsuitable for strengthening are of no value to us.

These wizards should have been your soldiers... What fool does that to her own troops?

This one is here under the master's orders to muster our forces.

In the coming days...we will execute a massive operation.



The
question
is, are
you?

Don't...

Stop...

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